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CAMPUS SAFETY

New text program improves alert system

Katie Luers Chief Reporter

There is a new emergency alert system for Northwest students and faculty.

The Bearcat Alert Text Messaging System offers text message services from the campus to the students during emergency

The new text system will add to the intercom system already in place. If an emergency occurs, those signed up for the Bearcat Alert will receive messages about the emergency.

"It's a way to reach people personally in a short period of time," Health and Safety Manager Scott Walk said. "It also benefits the people that are receiving by keeping them informed, keeping them aware of a situation they may want to avoid."

Campus Safety Director Clarence Green helped with the new Bearcat Alert Text Messaging System. Green and his department are responsible for launching the system during an emergency.

The main reason behind the new system was to improve methods of notifying people, Green said. The department looked to the Missouri task force, which specializes in safety and emergency situations, for recommendations to the current intercom alert system.

"The system is a complement to what we already have," Green

Green worked to help market Bearcat Alert through flyers and

Both Walk and Green hope the new system is well received by faculty and students.

"Everyone tells you that it's great, it's a good idea, we should be doing it," Walk said. "But of a population of about 6,500, as of this time, we only have 973 people signed up."

Although most students have not signed up for the alert system, Green still believes it is a good idea.

"I'm impressed with it," Green said. "It has good capabili-

Walk emphasized the system would only be used for emergency alerts. No spam texts or campus information texts will be sent. As of now the only emergency alerts are tornado warnings and active shooter alerts.

The system, which is run by Textcasters, is also used at the University of Central Missouri. Missouri Western and the University of Missouri use similar systems.

Students may sign up for the **Bearcat Alert Text Messaging** System through the link on the Northwest homepage. Another link is posted on the myNorthwest page.

The system will send one test text alert before normal emergency alerts begin. The test alert is estimated to run at approximately 1p.m. Tuesday.

Quick Facts

Already in place: Tornado and active shooter intercom alert sys-

Now: Bearcat Alert Text Messaging System, in addition to other systems

How to sign up: Online on the Northwest homepage, or myNorth-

Trial alert: 1 p.m. Tuesday

Other local systems: University of Central Missouri, Missouri Western State University, University of Missouri

PUBLIC WORKS

Remember the Main?



STILL CLOSED AS fall approaches, Main Street has been closed since this summer. Business owners have felt the effect of this project, because motorists have to take detours to reach their parking lots.

Construction will continue into fall

Community News Editor

Orange detour signs greeted many of the 6,500 students making the trip back to town to start another trimester at Northwest.

Many left Maryville in April when Main Street shook their vehicles due to the numerous pot holes remaining after the rough winter Maryville experienced.

Public Works Director Greg Decker said the \$1.4 million project to repair the street is slated to be finished by the end of October.

The construction hasn't only detoured the residents of Maryville; it has also been a change for the residents living along the path of the construction. Schuyler Lovell, along with four others, live at 309 S. Main

and experience the sounds and vibrations of the equipment every

"The noise is the only big thing," Lovell said when speaking about disturbances due to the construction.

Another thing that affected the residents along Main Street construction was the parking. Alleys behind the houses had to be

used instead of owner's driveways. "We are basically sharing one alley way with two other houses; it is pretty congested," Lovell said.

Sharing the alley is only the beginning. Lovell said the alley is

also full of pot holes. "Basically anything that isn't a truck will drag because of all

the pot holes," Lovell said. Another issue that could be lingering around the corner is snow. Lovell said if it snows and the project isn't done, things will get pretty messy.

"If it snows, you will need four wheel drive to make it through

the alley," Lovell said. The final issue that came to mind for Lovell was the fact that

he lives on the east side of the street.

See MAIN on A6

Businesses feel effect of unfinished project

Katie Luers Chief Reporter

Several Main Street businesses are feeling the strain of extended

Construction is scheduled to be done by the end of October. The construction began July 7 to replace a section of Main Street that was

damaged in the storm last year. Public Works Director Greg Decker works as the city representative on the project. He oversees the daily work on the construction

by communicating with Loch-Sand Construction and a Snyder Associates engineer. Several businesses on Main Street must deal with the detour including Jock's Nitch, Nodaway Glass, Mr. Goodcents, Maryville Tools, Store of Colors, Jackson Insurance and U.S. Bank.

'I'm sure that Mr. Goodcents and Jock's Nitch and Nodaway Glass have seen a decrease in business," Decker said. Jock's Nitch'is a sport shop that caters mostly to the college

General Manager Mitch Herring described the store as full service because they make special orders such as engraving, screen printing and many other custom orders.

The construction blocks the front entrance to the store.

"We're just lucky to have the back alley," Herring said about the detour.

Customers may reach Jock's Nitch by turning right onto First Street and looking for the alley on the left side.

Mr. Goodcents caters largely to the Maryville community as well as the college community.

"Construction has had a negative impact," owner Jimmy

Thompsen said.

However, he added Mr. Goodcents normally takes a small decline in business during the summer months.

The businesses on Main Street along the construction route remained open through the summer and will continue to remain open this fall, despite construction.

ELECTRONIC CAMPUS

eBooks proposed

Whitney Keyes **Managing Editor**

To prepare for the student's return to classes, Textbook Services handles approximately 45,000

With a new program President Dean Hubbard hopes to introduce spring trimester, they might have all their books on one memory card.

Hubbard and his assistant, Paul Klute, have begun the initial work on an electronic textbook program, which will eliminate a majority of conventional textbooks.

"We're clearly the leader in textbook rentals, the next step is no textbooks at all," Hubbard

In cooperation with Sony, Northwest will launch a pilot program using the Reader Digital Book, also known as the eReader.

The device works similarly to an iPod eBooks can be downloaded into a library and then seen on the eReader. The device weighs only a few ounces, but has a 40-gigabyte memory and can carry 160 eBooks, according to the Sony

"Supposedly, you can read 'War and Peace' seven times without recharging, " Klute said of the battery life.

Cesar Guerrero, a representative from Sony who has been closely working with Northwest, said the device would work for 7,500 page turns without recharging.

The device has an expandable memory as well, which would allow teachers to create documents and have students download them onto their eReaders, such as a class syllabus.

In addition, the device can access newspapers from all over the world for the reader's use. The program also allows users to "create" their own newspaper, by using different sections of various newspapers.

The Sony eReader is one of two mainstream electronic readers on the market. Northwest looked at both devices, the Sony and also the Kindle, a very similar product.

"The Kindle is more in line with what we're interested in," Klute said. "They were also much more warm to working with us."

Sony and Kindle both said Northwest was the first higher education system looking to use the electronic readers on a full-scale level.

Together, Sony and the Northwest steering committee for the eReader, have put together a pilot program for this trimester.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Hubbard urges increase in academic rigor for final year

By Evan Young Editor in Chief

To Northwest's leader for nearly a quarter century, the question "How long should a university president serve?" is one that has no definite answer.

After all, the years you serve mean nothing unless you look at how you spent them.

"No time is too short if you're ineffective, and no time is too long if you're effective," President Dean Hubbard says.



Nevertheless, Hubbard and his wife, Aleta, decided that, after 25 years, the time was right to bring in a new leader. As June came to a close, he made known his intentions to retire on July

Writing books and woodworking, among other things, await the president after that day, but for the next 11 months, Hubbard, 69, wants to concentrate on preparing his fellow Bearcats and the campus for its new leader - revisiting and adding to programs he helped establish some two decades ago.

At the core is the Electronic Campus and the Culture of Quality program. Both were established in 1987, a time when the notion of a university quality improvement program and computers throughout campus was unheard of. However, it was also a time when Northwest needed to become more competitive in the higher education market; when Hubbard took over in 1984, the state was considering closing down the University.

Twenty-five years later, enrollment is on the rise, with a gradual 20 percent increase expected

See HUBBARD on A6

PUBLIC COURTS

Surplus auction will offer wide variety of items

The University is holding a surplus auction at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the Materials Distribution Center at West 16th Street and College Park Drive.

Inspection is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15. Kitchen equipment, file cabinets,

in the auction. For more information, and a full list of auction items visit Nwmis-

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New faculty set high goals

Lisa Houtchens

degree at Kansas State University in

souri.edu/services/purchasing. Northwest. From 1998 to 2008, Baker held various positions working to focus on student satisfaction, student

learning and staff development. Responsibilities: His main responsibility is to create a good experience for all students through the Student Life

Team, which consists of Campus Activities, Greek Life, International Intercultural Center (IIC), Volunteer Services and Service Learning Center. The departments work together to create a campus environment that helps students develop and ultimately complements the in-class

Baker also works with the judicial system, student faculty discipline committee, and the Student all students.

One thing Baker looks forward to is working with students and watching them grow. He also wants to create strong programs and experiences by using the team and structure already in place.

"In the last year or so I decided to try something new," Baker said. "And when the (dean of students) position opened up I thought it would be a good time to spread my department chair in 2002.

Interim Director of Freshman Seminar: John

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Alaska. He has been in the North-

west community since 2002 teaching

man Seminar classes and the peer

man seminar students. Northwest

welcomed 1,460 freshman who are

advisers. Fisher also advises fresh-

Fisher's responsibilities are to

University News Editor

Young University with a bachelor's degree and master's degree and Dean of Students: Matt his doctorate from the University Baker of Alberta. He then worked in the Background: Baker earned his undergraduate

the spring of 1993 before starting as a residence hall director at Northwest. Baker worked for Northwest for three years before continuing work on his masters degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Arkansas. After graduation, Baker searched nationwide for a position and chose to return to

> paired with one of the 70 instructors for the first block of the trimester. "We are almost unique here at Northwest, in the terms of the way we handle advising," Fisher said. "At our institution our students' advisement comes from their fac-

public relations.

One goal Fisher has is having evaluations of the Freshman Seminar programs and looking for improvement. Another is to develop the online social networks, myNorthwest and PawPrints, another social network exclusively for freshmen.

Interim Dean of the Grad-Senate to create a strong team for uate School: Greg Had- now holds the position of associate dock

Background:

Haddock's graduate degrees are from the University of Idaho and undergraduate degree is from Mary Washington College, Haddock was hired by Northwest in 1996 as an assistant professor in the geography and geology department, where he worked to strengthen the Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Analysis. He was then selected to serve as the

of the Faculty Senate from 2002 to 2003 and also served as chair of the Responsibilities:

per trimester in the graduate school Fisher graduated from Brigham

Goals

department. He also oversees all of the polinews industry as a reporter for the cies and procedures for graduate programs and how they fit with the Ketchikan Daily News in Ketchikan, University's mission.

and also serves as the chair and fac-

ulty in the geography and geology

One of Haddock's objectives for the coming year is to increase the visibility for the graduate programs, help coordinate and assist the 70 such as the online MBA program faculty members teaching Fresh- . along with the offerings in the Out-

Associate Provost: Douglas Dunham Background:

Dunham graduated from Ball State University with his undergraduate degree and master's degree in psychology. He then received his doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis, and went on to complete a post doctoral fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine in the department of psychiatry. Since then, Dunham has been at Northwest for 14 years and has worked in the psychology, sociology and counseling department. Dunham was department chair in

that department from 2005 to 2007. Dunham served as the assistant to the provost for the last year and

Dunham works on a regular basis with the college deans and

basic administration of day-to-day activities of the colleges. He is also in charge of three offices, the Talent Development Center, Outreach and the Office of Assessment Information and

Dunham also sits in on the curriculum committee He presided as the president One goal Dunham has is to work

with Paul Klute on the reaccreditations application for the higher learning commission.

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ADVANTAGE WEEK

New students show mixed emotions

Shane Sherwood Senior Reporter

Getting settled into the dorms was probably a little harder for freshman Shaun Day than for his classmates.

"I've been away from home before, but this is the first time my mom cried," Day said. "I think it was because my dad died a couple of years ago, and I was the last man of the house. Now her baby boy was leaving home."

Other students, like freshman Mike Gude, discovered that getting adjusted was more or less a piece of cake. So much, in fact, that Gude doesn't plan on going home much.

"I felt a little homesick, but not as much as I thought I would," Gude said. "Home isn't that far away." Gude's parents, however, handled

their son's departure differently. "My mom cried. My dad shook my hand and said 'see you later',' Gude said.

Advantage Week consists of three days that are scheduled to help freshmen and transfer students get used to Northwest and the campus, while being introduced to the many Even amid the hustle and bustle different events and resources the

University has to offer. Starting late Wednesday, 20 percent of the new freshman class moved into the residence halls. This continued into Friday. Freshman seminar sessions helped the students get to know the campus, while activities like Saturday's merchant fair helped them become active and successful for

Still, homesickness is never far away for students who have never been away from home for long periods of time, like freshman agriculture education major Lisa Powell.

"My grandparents and my dad brought me up here, and when they left, they were all crying," Powell said. "I have always been a homebody, so them leaving was hard for me. I cried

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their time here.



photo by ashley spalding I photography editor FRESHMAN JAMES FORD makes his bed after lofting it during Advantage Week. More than 1,400 new

students made Northwest home this fall. Despite the rough transition Powell knows she made the right

"I am the first one in my family to go to college," Powell said. "It might seem scary now, but the end result will be definitely worth it."

of moving in, the students found time to reflect on why they chose to come to the University "I thought Northwest has a really good agriculture program," Powell

said. "Also, it was a lot smaller than some of the other schools I looked at. t seemed more possible for one on one interaction with teachers here." Some students looked at the financial side of attending school.

"Northwest offered me the most financial aid," Day said. Other students chose the campus because of its aesthetic appeal and

and heartwarming people here."

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overall atmosphere. "I loved the campus. I came here and the campus was beautiful," Gude said. "It felt like home. There are nice

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To prepare for students returning

munity, it does not have to change its business goes up significantly. Pizza delivery at Pizza Hut goes inventory by hand. The store has a down over the summer, General machine that tells when something is low, and then it automatically

The second suspect in the November 16th homicide of Larry Gardner Jr., Eric Romig, enters the Nodaway County

Maryville prepares for students

Courthouse on Monday. Romig plead quilty to second degree murder.

When the summer days come to

Businesses see a decrease in

an end, businesses begin to flourish

walk-in traffic over the summer, but

when students return to campus,

COMMUNITY PREP

Shane Sherwood

again in Maryville.

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Manager Linda Parker said. "The students who stay over places it on the order sheet, Hy-Vee the summer don't have Aladine so business changes drastically," Parker said.

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for students coming back to the com-Manager Greg Chapman said. Certain parts of Hy-Vee see a

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to work out a plea agreement

Evidence for the prosecution

between Romig and Gardner over

entered his own guilty plea to mony of his own, nor any account trial," Baird said. "(The charge)

"Yes, your honor" and "No, your

honor" to a few questions from

Finance Professor Mark Jelavich

said Biden was a good choice for

Romig and Rosencrans alleg-

The second man charged in a guilty verdict to a lesser offense," ing.

a 2007 beating death avoided a Kenton Hall, Romig's public

second-degree murder charge defender, said. "If you can avoid

Eric B. Romig, 27, of Maryville, and avoid a trial. The trial would

pled guilty to involuntary man- carry the risk of second-degree

Donald Ray Gardner, Jr., 46, of read in court alleged Rosencrans

Maryville. Romig will appear in and Romig kicked Gardner repeat-

court again before Judge Robert edly during a fight between the

Prokes at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 three men at Gardner's home.

at the Nodaway County Court- Accounts suggest the fight started

crans, 22, of Maryville with sec- lot behind the home that night,

ond-degree murder. Rosencrans Baird said. Romig gave no testi-

involuntary manslaughter Aug. of the incident. Romig barely

19. He faces a 1:30 p.m. sentencing spoke at all, except to answer

both Romig and Nicolas Rosen- edly then left Gardner in an open a challenge.

own investigation. . the best we tested the account of the incident

could probably come out with was read by Baird during the hear-

Evidence indicated Gardner

possessed a knife at the time of

on Romig or Rosencrans, Baird

"I thought that the evidence

Baird explained that his evi-

about self defense was there, but

wasn't significant enough to be

confident we could win on that

dence indicated only "wreckless

disregard" in Romig's actions,

but not intent to kill Gardner. As

with Hall's case for self-defense,

that made building a murder case

would've been any different at

conforms better to what the evi-

now face a possible maximum

sentence of seven years in prison

Both Romig and Rosencrans

He also noticed Biden seems

"I think from the very beginning,

"I don't think the outcome

basis," Hall said.

"He's (Biden) got experience, he's very down to Earth, he comple-

the numbers depicted Obama and believes Obama's support is beginments Obama, I think quite well with ning to diminish because people maturity and experience, especially in \ realize McCain has the experience

PUBLIC COURTS

Resident accused of wife's murder conspiracy

Community News Editor

After a short appearance in Nodaway County Court a Maryville man will reappear in court on Tuesday, Sept. 16 for his

arraignment. Robert Dieker Jr., 32, met with his attorney and the county prosecutor in front of Judge Glen

Dieker's attorney asked for the reappearance because of lack of time spent with Dieker.

Dieker appeared in court on Wednesday, Aug. 20 for his arraignment after he was arrested

for conspiracy to commit murder. Dieker is being charged with felony conspiracy after allegedly conspiring to have his wife, Christina Dieker murdered by another

ELECTION 2008

"I felt like based on the evi- Prokes.

Suspect pleads guilty in 2007 beating death

Missourian Reporter

will spend in prison.

slaughter, a Class C felony, in the murder."

Nodaway County prosecutor \$40.

Nov. 16, 2007 beating death of

David Baird originally charged

Oct. 30 at the Buchanan County

Courthouse in St. Joseph.

Obama names V.P.; McCain's still mystery

Copy Editor

Americans came home earlier

"Biden has a lot of foreign policy experience in the Senate, and since They went from spending eve-Obama has little, really, little to none nings in Beijing at the Olympics to foreign policy experience, it's probspending their nights in Denver for ably a good balance," Jelavich said. the Democratic National Conven-

Biden as his running mate last week-

tion. They will soon set their TV and and Political Science Professor Richcomputer screens to Minneapolis-St.

Paul for the Republican National

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once he clinched the nomination, he background in domestic policy. One was what I thought would be the of the prospects, Tim Pawlenty, the better choice for vice president," Minnesota governor, has worked in In polls released Sunday night,

to be popular with Democrats and tion set to begin next week, McCain

Independents in his home state, should make his decision Friday.

rural economic issues, Jelavich said. McCain has to choose whether he wants a recognizable or less known McCain neck and neck. In previous candidate, Fulton said. Prospect Mitt weeks, Obama held the lead. Jelavich Romney is well known, but a good

possibility, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty is less recognizable, but can offer McCain support in key states,

Jelavich thinks McCain should

pick a running mate who has a strong

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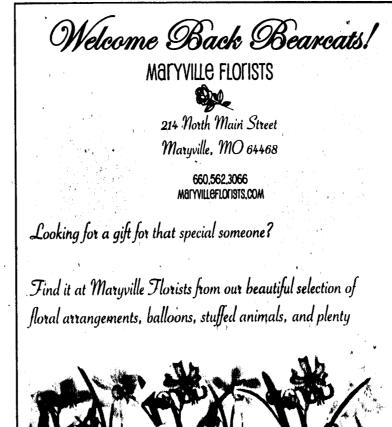
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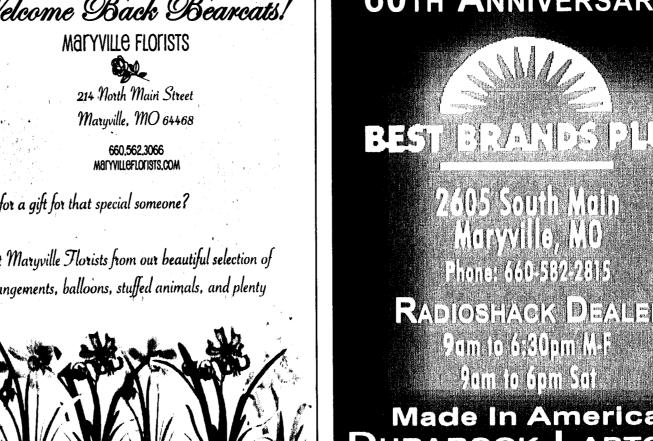


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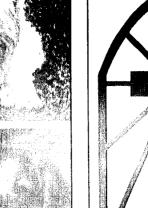


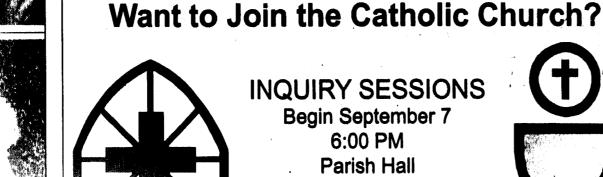
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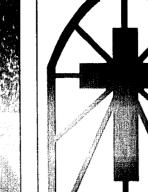




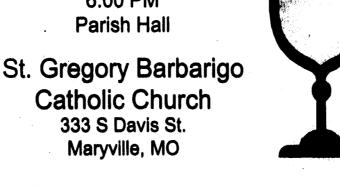








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Board of Regents takes wise first step in presidential search

Figure Given Northwest's 100-plus year history of ups, downs and in betweens, it may come as a surprise to know that only nine presidents have served during that time. An incredible number, considering the United States has elected double that amount in presidents since 1905.

Nine presidents: What does that tell us? On one hand, it appears these men, with a couple exceptions early on, must've done something right to have had so much staying power. On the other, we can infer that the search for Northwest's 10th leader will be, to say the least, a daunting task.

Entire generations have formed during the tenures of a few Northwest presidents, including that of the incumbent. Things simply aren't the way they were when Dean Hubbard took office in 1984. Therefore, portions of the profile of president No. 10, such as any criteria pertaining to technology, will quite literally have to come from scratch.

Fortunately, it appears the people in charge of putting those wheels in motion, the Northwest Board of Regents, are ready, willing and able to take on the challenge.

The regents convened in Kansas City last week for a two-hour retreat to take the first steps of the presidential search. Gone were many of the usual formalities of board meetings. President Bill Loch stated at the beginning, and throughout, that the board's purpose that day was to have an open and honest discussion about how to proceed with a presidential search - something the regents admitted to having little to no experience doing.

In front of members of the Cabinet, Faculty Senate and media, the regents put various ideas on the table and weighed their pros and cons. Should we hire an outside search firm and how should we evaluate them? How many people should serve on the University's search committee?

For being such an informal gathering, it was very orderly and productive. No regent attempted to push his or her own agenda, and every member willingly provided constructive praise, criticism and/or alternatives for the ideas presented.

At the end of the meeting, the board decided on a proposal, effective tomorrow if no objections arise, that creates a 13-member University search committee. Faculty, staff, students, administration and the community will have representation on the panel, which is large enough to include a variety of voices but small enough to be efficient.

It's refreshing to see a governing board that admits, not just its weaknesses going into a challenge like this, but also its willingness to have a serious dialogue about how to overcome them and get the job done. Finding someone to uphold the University's legacy, and his or her predecessor's 25 years of progress, will be tough, but after such a positive start, it's also tough not to trust that the task is in good hands.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

--- In April and May, the governor handed out well over \$1 million each in tax credits to General Mills and Conagra.

Neither one is based in Missouri. That's our money

The state of Missouri gave \$95 million of our money to one St Louis developer. They offered even more, nearly \$800 million to one company based in France.

Not much in Missouri has changed in the last two years; it still doesn't treat our small rural schools as well as big city schools. That shifts more education cost to we taxpayers because the state

continues to take our money even when they don't provide the funding The House granted itself a pay hike that amounts to 14 percent. They

chose to continue their own health plan even when they said Missouri couldn't afford Medicaid coverage for 27,000 Missouri children (HB 5,

They postponed full funding of small public schools even as they tried to give our tax dollars to private schools (HB 808, SB1886). They tried to cut the minimum wage for restaurant servers down

to little more than \$2 per hour. But the tax credits to big business just keep on flowing.

There's a good possibility that in 2009, with higher unemployment, higher fuel prices and higher utility rates taking more dollars from every Missourian, the General Assembly will have to cut the state budget by at least \$50 million. Missouri Budget Project (Mobudget.org) predicts that as much as

\$550 million (or more) will have to be slashed from spending in 2010. The question is; will those cuts come from gifts to big business, or from funding for things like roads, schools and our local governments?

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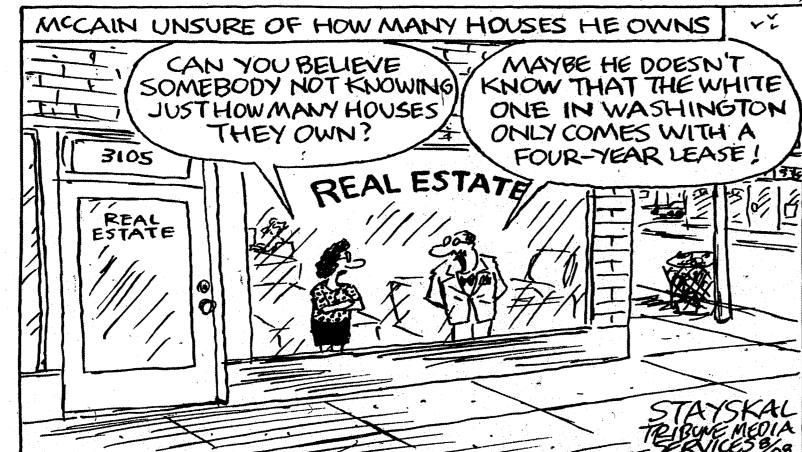
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MY VIEW

Work together to keep campus sate

On behalf of the Office of Campus Safety, allow me to welcome you to Northwest Missouri State University.

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MY VIEW

Pay attention as countries' opinions on Georgia differ

Russia appear to be at odds in the international community in regards to the situation occurring with Georgia. Russia supports the Georgian breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, which have been outside of the central government's control for some time. The United States, as well as the majority of the UN members, supports Georgia's interests.

Just two years after Georgia's declaration of independence in 1991, directly following the collapse of the Soviet Union, separatist movements in these two areas (more so in Abkhazia) added a great burden to the new republic in regards to fragmentation.

The most fascinating thing about this situation is that these two regions are using the precedent set place by Kosovo in February, in which Kosovo declared independence from Serbia. The difference between these two events that I wish to point out is the stance Russia-took. In Kosovo, Russia again went against the international community, arguing that Kosovo's independence directly hit the sovereignty of Serbia, whereas currently, Russia has taken a completely, supported by the United Nations. different viewpoint. To say the least, Russia is the black sheep within the United Nations.



independence took away some of Serbia's sovereignty. What makes a state sovereign? Two things: First, control of the actions within a state; second, protection from outside forces. Without either of these two things, a state is pretty much controlled either by other states, nside factions or both. In the situation currently trans-

piring, Georgia's sovereignty has

been damaged, not just on one front, but both. Georgia has little to no control over either South Ossetia or

U.N. peacekeeping forces have been involved since 1993 when the Observer Mission began. And Georgia's borders be felt not just in far-away countries, but also most are being compromised with Russian "peace-

The main point I wish to discuss is not the right or wrong of either side, although I'm sure you can easily discern my opinion, but rather the chain reaction Kosovo set off when independence was declared, and how that independence was

I think it can easily be argued that the issues within Georgia's borders will not be anything new has gained

Let me pause and rewind a bit. in the future. I expect other nations will wish to Earlier, I stated Russia felt Kosovo's declare statehood, and could quite possibly succeed. Take, for example, one nation that has been in the news for quite some time, that most will recognize - Kurdistan.

The Kurds have a common bond in many aspects, such as language and religion. The main thing that is not common among the Kurds is the different states they are in. The Kurds have sought independence for a very long time, and the main thing that has appeared to hold them back is the inability to organize to form a productive political unit. Because of this, Kurdistan is taken less seriously than what it could be.

I must reiterate the statement I made last spring in regards to Kosovo, and that is the importance of observation in regards to future situations that will be similar to Georgia and Kosovo's two breakaway regions, as well as the effects that will definitely in the United States.

One other important thing to watch in the future is the relationship between the United States and other fellow countries in the United Nations with regards to the different stances that will be taken on each issue. Most notably is Russia's as it tries to strengthen its authority internationally, and the United States, which wishes to maintain the international authority it

CAMPUS TALK

What was your favorite Olympic moment?



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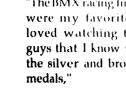
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"When Michael Phelps broke the record for most gold medals won in a single Olympic

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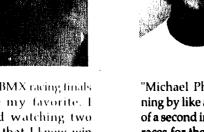




"The BMX racing finals were my favorite. I loved watching two guys that I know win the silver and bronze

Stephanie Schultz

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"Michael Phelps winning by like a hundreth of a second in one of his races for the gold,"

James Knobbe

Computer Science





"My favorite moment was when both the U.S. basketball teams won the gold medals,"

Sade Jordan

Business

Management



"The synchronized divers performing together from China. It was cool how perfectly synced

Lauren Lawson Therapeutic Recreation



PUBLIC SAFETY

Aug. 21

• Matthew W. Hull, 19, Maryville, failure to comply, illegal u turn, 200 block of W. Second • Khayree A. Darton, 28, Maryville, wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 1500 block of N. Main

minor in possession, 700 block of N. • Alexander Q. Strait, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 100 block of W.

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Aug. 22

• Adrian M. Lang, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of N.

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• Robert J. Fogle, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 400 block of W.

• Kaylea D. Wood, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 1000 block of N. • Tyler R. Breed, 23, Maryville,

failure to comply, 1000 block of N. • Clayton C. Larson, 20, Maryville, failure to comply, minor in possession, permitting peace disturbance, 1000 block of N. Main

Aug. 24

• Mathew W. Rippe, 19, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 1100 block of N. Main

"We always look forward for students returning," Chapman said. "They make the

Even some of the seasonal businesses see changes when students leave for the department, all see drastic increases in sales summer, The Hangar Manager John Ensminger said. "Our business depends on how big the.

Dan Schueler interviews Julie Newlin, Keaton Guess and Lindsay Solon on Move-In Day. The trio were members of Cat Crew.

COMM PREP: Busi-

nesses anxious for students

change, like The Student Body. Owners and movies are," Ensminger said. "We are one of the few movie theaters within a 60 mile operators Amy and Jim Goecken see more The Hangar increases inventory in movie theater food, but tends to order more

more Bearcat apparel when students return alcoholic beverages when students return. When students return, The Hanger does because they want to stock up on their sell more alcoholic beverages, because stu-"To prepare for students returning to dents tend to order them at our restaurant, the community, we hire more employees Ensminger said. and schedule more people on the times that

"When school is in session, more youth come to the theater," Ensminger said. "It is we know we will need it," Chapman said. fun to accommodate them and it becomes Most businesses look forward for students returning to Maryville, Chapman an easier environment since they are closer to the age of most of our employees."

OBITUARIES

Homer D. Beverlin, 86, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008 in The Villages, Fla.

He was born July 9, 1922 to the late Lee R. and Evelyn M. (Goslee) Beverlin in Skidmore. He graduated from Skidmore High School in 1940. He was employed as an agent,

telegrapher, dispatcher and superintendent throughout his 40 years with the Burlington Railroad. This was interrupted only by his duty in the Navy from 1942-1945. On Jan. 29, 1944 he married Betty J. McDaniel at the Methodist Church in Troy, Kan. This marriage brought two sons:

Bradford, McCook, Nebraska and Bryce, North Oaks, Minn. Their family lived in Coin, Iowa; St. Joseph; Kansas City; Aurora, Ill. and White Bear Lake, Minn. Homer and Betty moved to Summerfield, Fla. in 1990.

After Betty's death in 2004, Homer married Patricia Wilburn in 2006, residing in The Villages, Fla.

Homer leaves behind his sons, grandchildren Brad II, Megan, Bryce II, Christa and Katelyn; great grandchildren Madeline and Julien; brothers Gerald and lack; sister: Beverly Dooley; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Aug. 23 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Inurnment followed at Hillcrest Cemetery, Skidmore. The James Edward Gray American Legion Post #100, Maryville, Missouri, conducted graveside military

Sherry Ryan Mackey, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008, at her home in rural

She was born July 23, 1935, in Decatur County, Iowa to Joe and Dorothy (Fulton) On July 11, 1956, she married Drexell E

Mackey in Maryville.

Sherry attended Hill Grade School, was 1953 Leon (Iowa) High School graduate and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1961.

A member of Wilcox Methodist Church, Sherry was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher and retired as Nodaway County Deputy Clerk.

She was preceded in death by siblings Gay Ryan Keller, Mildred Ryan and Mike

She is survived by her husband Drexell daughters Kathy Cairns (Tom) of Laporte, Colo., Beth Juhl (Alfred), Amy Pitts (Lee) and Annette Hoskey (Mick), all of Maryville and Melissa Nigh (Lee) Fulton, Mo.; sister Jodine Ryan, Alamosa, Colo.; brothers Dean Wright, Downey, Calif. and Dale Short, Decatur City, Iowa; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Her funeral service was Aug. 21 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. She was buried at Elk Chapel Cemetery, Decatur County, Iowa.

Memorial may be made to SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri, 2024 S. Main St., Maryville, MO 64468.

Gerald "Bud" Luckert, 77, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2008 at his home in Maryville, Mo.

Bud was born Oct. 19, 1930 in Bloomfield, Neb., the son of Loal Carl and Minnie (Sass) Luckert. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. On Sept. 22, 1952, Gerald married Madaline Mattern in Creighton,

A member of St Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Community, he had worked 30 years as a sales representative for Gehl Farm Equipment, retiring in 1991.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters: Marie Clothier, Lois Hahn, Ellen Schlecht and Noretta Asmus. Survivors include his wife: Madaline, of

their home; children: Lori Jasperson, Kansas City; Luellen (Tom) Wilson, Maryville; Leanna Householder, Maryville; Lisa (Gregory) Welch, Parnell, Mo; Libby (Corey Cross, Hopkins, Mo.; Lon (Jill) Luckert, Brookfield, Mo.; 12 grandchildren: Clint and Dane Jasperson; T J, Jessica and Jennifer Wilson; Sean Householder, Aaron Luckert and Liz Welch; Makayla and Alonna Cross, Emily and Allyson Luckert; a sister: Alice (Frank) Mrsny, Wayne, Neb.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Visitation was Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008 at

St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial was, Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, with burial in St Mary's Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to St Gregory Barbarigo Catholic School or Feed the Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0036 in Gerald's name.

Calvary Chapel Northwest

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Northwest gear."

drastic business increase when students

return, Chapman said. The Chinese buffet

and the salad buffet, as well as the floral

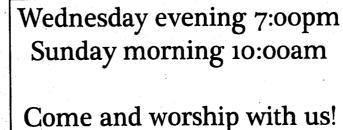
when students return to the community.

walk-in traffic when students return.

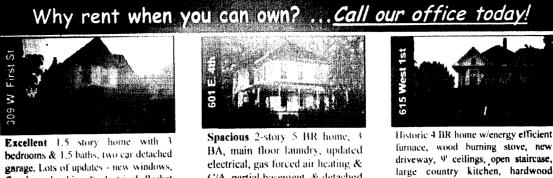
Other businesses don't see much of a

"The business stays about the same

year-round," Amy Goecken said. "We sell



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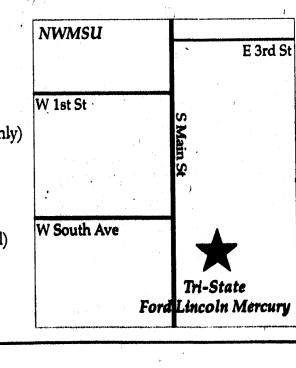
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Adviser founds hometown paper

Katie Luers Chief Reporter

A faculty member is offering something different to her home-

Northwest faculty member Laura Widmer opened the Chariton Valley News Press this summer. The newspaper will release its fourth issue Tuesday.

It launched Aug. 12, giving the area color photography, longer stories and more in-depth coverage.

Widmer is the Student Publications director and a mass communication assistant professor. She also advises the Northwest Missourian newspaper, Northwest Tower yearbook and Heartland View magazine.

Widmer received an offer from an investor to begin her own news- mer said. paper in her home town of Salisbury, Mo.

The only catch, she said, was

Widmer isn't ready to retire anything I do here." so she continues to work at both Northwest and the Chariton Valley

She found the largest change from her work at Northwest to the in each area. Chariton Valley News Press is being more hands on.

"I've never had a start-up before . being a publidation adviser here, you are very hands off," Widmer said. "Now at this newspaper, you

are making the decisions. Widmer began the paper by hiring people she knew. She hired two staff members from the Salis- and local residents. bury area and three Northwest

students. The Northwest students she hired are Intern Sports Editor opposed to change," Hotop said. Kenny Larabee, News Editor Lind- "But people welcomed us with say Jacobs and Managing Editor open arms."

editor-in-chief of the Missourian

When Hotop graduated from Northwest last spring, the offer for the Chariton Valley News Press was waiting for her. "It was a unique opportunity

I would never have again," Hotop As managing editor, Hotop

runs the newspaper while Widmer The Chariton Valley News

Press serves a large community, including Salisbury and surround

The paper covers five comm nities and their schools. "We need to make sure that

we're doing things right before we expand too much and bite off more than we can handle," Wid-

Widmer has worked hard to spend time with both jobs. "I want everyone to know, this

that the paper had to begin this is an additional project," Widmer said. "It will not take away from Although the Chariton Valley

News Press covers different areas, such as sports, news and entertainment, everyone on the staff works The Chariton Valley News

Press staff worked hard ensuring the community approved of the Focus groups were held with community members to find what

the communities wanted to see in a newspaper. The focus groups brought together business people The Chariton Valley News Press

received a very positive reaction.

"There are always people

ELECTRONIC: Pilot program begins this trimester

Hubbard, Klute and Guerrero all introduced to the eReader at the that if a book has come out, or had a student fees should remain the same meeting, Klute and Hubbard asked an eBook. for faculty volunteers for the pilot

volunteered, Klute is working to

decision on the classes involved were hoping for a fraction of that more books; if negotiations go as include test result and statistics, as spring, said Klute. Northwest hopes, 500 eReaders will well as teacher and student com-Now that faculty members have be distributed on Sept. 8.

Northwest purchased the Plenty of questions were asked the front of it and eventually everysee which teachers use textbooks eReaders, which normally cost by faculty and students at the State one will go to it. We're contributing offered in eBook form. Whether or \$300, for the manufacturer's cost, of the University Address and the to the next generation."

not the book is offered in electronic which is \$277.50. If the pilot goes Student Senate meeting on Tuesday format depends on the size of the well and Northwest transitions to Hubbard and Klute showed the publisher. Klute said he has found . eReaders on a campus-wide level, same slideshow at each meeting. Many of the questions focused

State of the University address on new edition come out in the last two as current textbook rental costs, on the devices capabilities - can it Friday to faculty members. At the years, it will generally be offered as Klute said. Northwest will buy the show pictures, can the users highdevices in bulk, and the cost will be light text or write in the margins, is there animation, etc ... Many of these questions were The decision will be made at the

"There were approximately 50 in the pilot, students enrolled in end of the trimester as to whether answered that the current model volunteers, from a wide variety of those classes will receive eReader or not the program will start in Northwest is using, the PRS505, departments. I would say about devices. Currently, the University the spring. Once classes have been cannot be written on or highlighted, 75 percent of departments had a has approximately 100 devices on assigned as part of the pilot, the but the next model will have those volunteer," Klute said. "Fifty, that's campus. Hubbard and the steering steering committee will decide features. This model is the one stujust overwhelming. Honestly, we committee have asked Sony for 400 on an evaluation plan, which will dents and faculty will receive in the

"It's just evolving technology," Hubbard said. "We've gotten out on

HUBBARD: Reading lists encouraged

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over the next five years. And Hubbard wants to keep

that momentum going. Friday's State of the University address was a call to Northwest personnel to, first of all, take a chance on a new technology that would

include textbooks. If this fall's pilot program is a success, Northwest hopes to replace * achieving them. traditional textbooks with eBooks. digital versions that are downloadable to the iPod-like Reader Digital

Despite some initial questions from faculty about the technology, tunity to collaborate and work campus departments are signing up to try it out this trimester.

"At the end of the day, our conventional, hard copy textbooks will give way to electronic copies, and the very notion of textbooks will give way to new methods of teaching and learning," Hubbard

tions fell under the Culture of create reading lists for their stu-

Ouality's umbrella. First, he recomdents - classic and current literature mended faculty and staff renew containing information students in their Seven Step Planning Process every field must know to before (SSPP), a key component of the they graduate - and emphasize Culture of Quality.

The SSPP puts power in the hands of Northwest personnel on an individual basis, Hubbard said. expand the Electronic Campus to ommends personnel set goals but Ann Lowary, that examined why the gives them the freedom to decide

> "They (personnel) have to know that they're trusted, and that means we don't prescribe what their goals should be," Hubbard said. "And they have to be given an opportogether to improve the processes, the way that we do things.

> > "The fundamental problem in

The president next urged North-

the importance of knowing how to

It all stems from a marketing study, commissioned by Vice Presi-Simply put, it's a system that rec-dent of University Relations Mary University has become the "school what those are and how to go about of choice" for students and what they and the marketplace think about the institution. Along with the "good news,"

tronic Campus and textbook rental program, the study indicated a joint student and marketplace perception that Northwest is not a "rigorous" The reason for this, according organizations is not people that to the study, is that Northwest

such as satisfaction with the Elec-

need to be motivated; it's processes students tend to read and write that are sub-optimal. And that's less than students at other instituwhere continuous improvement tions. Implementing reading lists, and continuously promoting good writing habits, Hubbard said, will The president's other sugges- west's academic departments to increase both rigor and students'

and the state of t

MAIN: Project ends

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He attends classes at the University, and says it is difficult to navigate to the west side of town, especially during high traffic

in November

The project entails pouring new concrete, resurfacing of the road, installing a new drainage system and replacing the sidewalks that line Main Street. It should all be completed by late November, Decker said.

As for now, commuters must use the Buchanan and Market streets detours around the construction. Soon they will have a newly refinished road to pass

"It was kind of nice to sit on the front porch and see the cars drive by," Lovell said.

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MIAA CONFERENCE



NEBRASKA-OMAHA becomes the newest member of the MIAA this year. Last season, Nebraska-Omaha defeated the Bearcat football team 25-2.1

MIAA welcomes UNO to conference play

By Marcus Meade Sports Editor

> ity of expanding Northwest coaches keep saying the "We were already playing Omaha Northwest Direc-

anyway," volleyball coach Anna Tool

Bearcat football coach Mel said. "... The Tjeerdsma shared the same sentiment heart and soul of about the Nebraska-Omaha becoming your competition the newest member of the MIAA.

Both coaches faced Nebraska-

is your conference competition."

at the possibil-

for some time,"

tor of Athletics

Bob Boerigter *

Omaha with differing results last their conference, the North Central Conference in the nation. In football, the season. Tjeerdsma's squad fell to the ference, dissolved after last year Their Mavericks grabbed the second rank cornerback Brandon Clayton said. Mavericks 25-21 last season while Tool's addition makes the MIAA an 11-team in the MIAA coach's poll and seventh

"The conference has been looking "The leadership of the confer- Coaches Association poll. Their vol-

> "I think now when we Boerigter said. "If there -Northwest defensive back

Brandon Clayton we would have easily moved to 12."

Nebraska-Omaha could also make The Mavericks join the MIAA after the MIAA the premier athletic con-

ence was looking at levball team finished last season just the possibility of add- outside the Top-25 with a 17-9 record. ing another school or _ In basketball, the Mavericks ended 25-7 schools for a long time," and beat the 'Cats twice.

As for this fall, the 'Cats will face was another school Maverick football, volleyball and soccer like Omaha available teams that went a combined 41-18-1 last season. In the already ultra-competitive MIAA, that should make a large difference come conference title time.

"I think now when we play them there's a lot more on the line," senior

MHS FOOTBALL

MARYVILLE RUNNING BACK Adam Mattson struggles to stay upright during the Spoofhounds' jamboree Friday. Mattson was a key part of Maryville's offense

'Hounds take on class four challenger

Christopher Woodland **Community Sports Editor**

Unless two young defenses play bevond themselves Friday night, fans might get to watch a high-scoring shootout at Maryville High School.

Maryville's running back Adam Mattson and Hickman Mills' running back Davine Porter begin their senior seasons as the established playmakers on their respective offenses. Both face young inexperienced defenses

The Spoofhounds' new defensive scheme remains primatily untested after jamboree opponents focused on playing younger players and resting their varsity. One player Maryville coach Chris

Holt probably wishes he rested that day is starting cornerback Derek Johns. Johns broke his leg in the amboree and is expected to miss at least six weeks.

"It really sucks to lose him, but we're just going to have to move on," Mattson said. Senior Jon Farmer now inherits

the No.1 cornerback job, as well as the task of corralling All-Suburban Small 6 Conference running back Porter. "We're just going to have to do some extra shadowing with an extra safety," Holt said. "Our number one

corner is out, so we're going to have to bring our number two corner over

to guard him (Porter) and then do some extra help with our safety." Hickman Mills runs a standard pro-set offense featuring/Porter primarily in two-back sets, and occasionally spread out leaving one running

back in the backfield. The Cougars may have a soft spot with a junior quarterback making his first varsity start.

"Their quarterback is pretty athletic," Holt said. "He likes to get out to the edge on bootlegs, and we're going to have to get pressure on him." Mattson and the offense have a particularly large task to handle

as well. They must contend with 6 feet 7 inch, 239-pound Adrian Mims at defensive end. Mims has given a verbal committment to Kansas State, according to espn.com Mims anchors the Cougars

from last years' playoff team. "Their (defensive) scheme is See HOUNDS on B3

defense which lost several seniors

NW FOOTBALL

Top-IO IUssle



RUNNING BACK LaRon Council celebrates in the arms of lineman Jeremy Davis, The running game may be vital to the success of Northwest during their first game of the season against Abilene Christian this weekend. The Wildcats bring to town their own killer running attack with running back Bernard Scott, a Harlon Hill finalist.

'Cats take on playoff hopeful Wildcats in the year's first meeting of Top-10 teams

By Marcus Meade

Sports Editor

The Bearcat football team refuses to wait until week 12 for playoff competition. No. 3 Northwest's season opener against No. 8 Abilene Christian matches two of last year's playoff teams and two of the American Football Coaches Association Top-10. In fact,

Saturday's game is the only match-up of Top-10's in the country, regardless of division. "It's like having another conference ballgame is what it is," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Abilene Christian's a very good

of the teams in our conference that we're going to play. So, I think it's a great start for us." Tjeerdsma spent the last week receiving bad news on the injury front. Troy Matthews, a candidate for a starting linebacker spot, injured his Achilles tendon and will be out the defense is a complete unknown. rest of the season. Starting fullback Brant Gregg will also miss)

the Wildcat game with a fractured tibia. But the offensive side of the ball worries Tjeerdsma far less five in the front seven.

"I have a little apprehension just because we're kind of young at a few positions, but we'll find out just where we're at," Tjeerdsma said. "... I don't question our players as far as ability; we have some very good young players. It's just that some of them are not game tested yet."

Tjeerdsma's young defense has a challenge ahead of them in trying to stop Harlon Hill finalist Bernard Scott. Scott rushed for 2,165 yards last season and over eight yards per carry. Like Scott, quarterback Billy Malone returns for his senior year. Malone threw for 3,914 yards and 37 touchdowns last

"It's going to be tough," senior cornerback Brandon Clayopponent, but they're probably not any better than five or six ton said. "It's going to definitely take the whole defense to stop them. The secondary's going to have to help in the running game, and the D-line's going to have to put some pressure on

the quarterback for the secondary to play well." While the 'Cats' defense remains untested, the Wildcat

"Watching film and going off their depth chart, they're completely different from last year," senior tackle Reid Kirby said. "We don't have film on any of their down linemen ... we than his unproven defense, which features six new starters, don't really know what to expect so we're planning for the

NW VOLLEYBALL

Tourney prepared

Brian Bosiljevac University Sports Editor

Northwest volleyball coach Anna Tool gets a chance to see where her team stands this week-

Coming off a season in 2007, which produced the most wins, the Bearcats had seen since 2000, hopes are high to duplicate last season with another

successful year. In the Comfort Inn & Suites and Firewater Grille Tournament the 'Cats will face four teams, Michigan Tech, Minnesota-Crookston, Minnesota

"All four teams in the tournament bring a different offensive style," Tool said. "This gives us a great chance to see how we can handle the different types of offense."

The toughest threat will probably come from Minnesota State-Moorhead. The Dragons made it to

State- Moorhead and Mary (N.D.).

the final match of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference before losing to the eventual national champions and preseason favorites, Concordia University. The 'Cats hope they can set the tone for the rest

of the season by finishing well in the tournament. Although last year's seven returners bring experience to the team, the eight newcomers bring forth a lot of questions.

"This tournament will really give us a great chance to work out any kinks we might have and allow us to really get a chance to get use to playing with each other," freshmen Alex Hanna said. Tool expects the returners from last year to bring

consistency and leadership.

"We have a solid core of returners who gained a lot of experience from last season, and I think our newcomers will complement them well," Tool said. "Overall we will be tough from top to bottom."

"We're really going after this season nothing to

losing and everything to gain," Paige Spangenberg Along with a new season, Spangenberg is experiencing a new position as she moves from libero to outside hitter. Spangenberg is being rewarded for her hard work by being elected co-captain as a

sophomore, along with Rachel Nisi. The 'Cats begin their tournaments Aug. 29-30 in Omaha Neb. They then have two more away tournaments in Joplin, Mo. and Oakdale, N.Y. before returning Sept. 19 for their first home game in Bearcat Arena against Fort Hays State.

The Big 3



Bernard Scott Running back #3 • 2,165 yards rushing 35 rushing touchdown 8.6 yards per carry

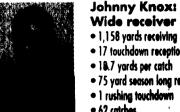
• 565 receiving yards

4 receiving touchdowns

210 all purpose yards per game



Billy Malone: Quarterback #2 • 3,914 yards passing 37 touchdown passes • 301.1 passing yards per game completed 64.4 percent of passes 14 interceptions • 167.53 passing efficiency



Wide receiver #7 • 1,158 yards receiving • 17 touchdown receptions • 18.7 yards per catch 75 yard season long reception • 1 rushing touchdown

7-9	Volleyball	17-17	

Soccer 6-11-1

(M) Basketball 24-8

Baseball

UNO:

Omaha

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rebound from that."

with them, Boerigter said.

the national stage a little better."

"Before, when we played them, it was the first or

second game of the season, and it really doesn't affect

you in conference. Now, that game can mean a lot more

playing in the middle of the season and not being able to

a few extra storylines for fans. Many Northwest players

come from the Omaha area like 'Cats cornerback Chris

LeFlore and volleyball players Katie Swenson and Rachel

petition, they also bring the large Omaha media market

Along with what the Mavericks bring in terms of com-

While some are skeptical of the increase in competi-

"We've always said if we do well in our league then

we know we're probably going to do well on the national

stage when we get there," Boerigter said. "So, Omaha's addition in some of these sports is going to prepare us for

Adding the Mavericks to the mix can also provide

(W) Basketball 18-14

Enrollment 6,442

24-22

week and rather than rushing the recovery

play some younger players that might not combined total of three goals see as much time this year. "We've got a couple options," coach to choose between either Sara Meidlinger,

a transfer, and possibly Maryville's Ashley Blanchard."

team feels whoever steps into Fitzgerald's spot has the ability to do the job well. "We had to switch around a lot at midfield but I don't think we will have any

problems," defender Jessica Braun said. The 'Cats open their season Saturday in Wichita, Kan. against Southwestern Oklahoma State. They follow the game Sunday with a game against Newman (Kan.). This will be the first time Northwest has played

Joe Bradley enters his eighth season as legiate Athletic Association (MCAC) coach of the Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldogs (overall: 33-82-13).

where they set team records for points, northern region and into the south. The

Weekend slate starts season

Community Sports Editor

Northwest soccer begins playing their new regional opponents Saturday, the Bulldogs 378 to 196 and but already suffered their first loss of the outscored them 55-13.

The 2008 team lacks expe-Senior midfielder Shannon Fitzgerald Virience. Out of 21 players on aggravated a nagging knee injury this past the roster only two seniors return, and they brought in time she will sit out this season and receive 11 new freshmen during the offseason. Their three leading The injury might lead the Bearcats to returning scorers scored a

Newman (Kan.) enters Tracy Hoza said. "We're probably going Sunday's game against the 'Cats trying to improve a 6-10-3 2007 record. Their top

three scorers from last year Despite the loss of a senior leader, the all return. Sophomore midfielder Amanda Knabe should cause the most problems for the 'Cats. She led the Lady

> Jets with six goals last year, including three This will be Newman's inaugural year as an NCAA school according to a New-

record, they fell to 1-17-1 in

man University press release. In prior years they were members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Midlands Col-

Realignment of the Division II soccer regions created these first time match-ups. Following a record setting 2006 season The NCAA moved the MIAA out of a



NORTHWEST SOCCER gets its start this weekend when it takes on two relatively unknown opponents in Southwestern Oklahoma and Newman. The team may have an uphill battle after being touched by the injury bug so for this year.

Heartland and Lone Star Conferences.

perienced when it comes to the Lone Star nent will not enter into the soccer teams Conference, Northwest has met several teams from this conference in other sports, mind on Saturday though. most notably football.

This year just one hour after the 'Cats will step on Mel Tjeerdsma Field when Wichita Kan.

new region includes games against the Abilene Christian attempts to accomplish something their LSC predecessors failed to While the soccer team might be inex- do, win at Bearcat Stadium. The fact they are playing a new oppo

"Just like everyone else, they're The Lone Star Conference's Midwest- excited," Hoza said. "They've been going ern State and West Texas A&M made trips against each other for three weeks and are to Maryville for playoff football games the very excited to finally play against some-

The Southwest Oklahoma State game start their season in Wichita against South- begins 5 p.m. Saturday in Wichita Kan. and western Oklahoma State, another LSC team the Newman game starts 5 p.m. Sunday in

NW GOLF



HANNA BOWLIN takes a swing at the Bearcat Invitational last season. This year the team gets its start Sept. 8 in Hollister, Mo.

TOP-10: Wildcats show toughness

Tjeerdsma also spoke of a rumored change in defensive scheme for Abilene Christian. The Wildcat defense gave up 30 points and 177 rushing yards a game last season, good news for Northwest's new starting running back LaRon Coun-

Since 2004, the Lone Star Conference hasn't given the 'Cats to much trouble. Northwest is 7-0 in that time frame including a 56-28 win over West Texas A&M in the playoffs

But Tjeerdsma insists this team

"Abilene Christian is going to be more like the teams in our conference, a little more of a team, not so many transfers and individuals," Tjeerdsma said. "I think that we saw with West Texas and Mid-Western; they had a lot of transfers. Sometimes in a big ball game, if you can get those people on the run a little bit, it makes

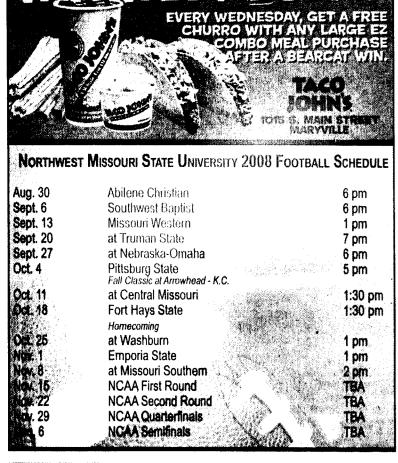
how different Abilene Christian is at 6 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

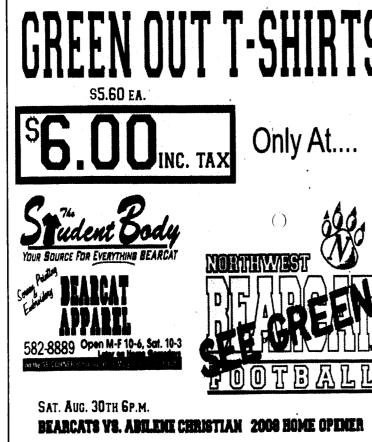
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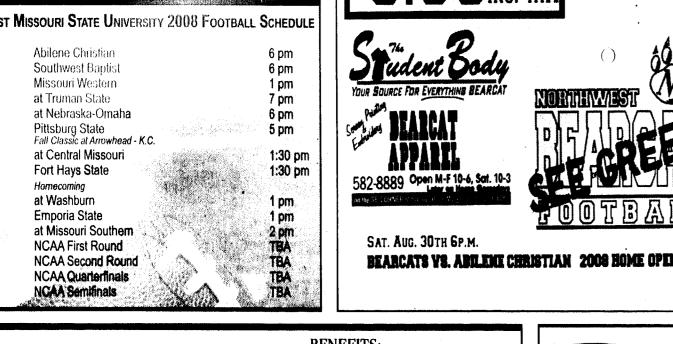
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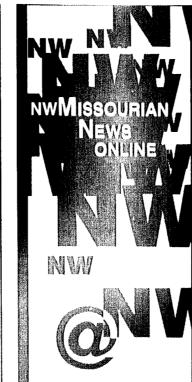
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SPOOFHOUNDS



SPOOFHOUND FORWARD Jon Rogers made his move on the Maryville record books last year when he broke the school record for goals in a season.

Soccer begins season looking for tourney win

Dustin Sander Assistant Sports Editor

Lately they've been running ...

The boy's face off against Cameron in the first round.

They started out 2-0 in the Barstow Tournament last year and had a great start to the season with a lot of talent," Coach Stuart Colwins over Lafayette and Kansas lin said, "We are expecting great_

The 'Hounds depleted squad

Nine starters graduated from

letter winners return. Among those said. and running ... and running. Now was captain Klay Talmadge who The Spoofhound boys kick off also provided leadership that goals. the season on Sept. 2 in the Barstow may be harder to replace than his

> Last season, the 'Hounds went 18-8 and tied for the conference

"We are young, but we have

things." One of the 'Hounds few seniors, from last year will try to repeat the forward Jon Rogers, is expected to Cameron.

play a leading role this season. "We are very young, but we last year's squad while only three have improved a bunch," Rogers

Rogers broke the Maryville the Maryville high school soccer was second on the team in scor- High School record for goals in a team finally gets a chance to play. ing and first in assists. Talmadge season last year with thirty plus

The young 'Hounds hope to finish this season later than last year. They lost early in districts and hope to play further into the

After the Barstow Tournament, Maryville goes on the road home game at 4 p.m. Sept. 22 at Donaldson West Side Park against

HOUNDS: Holt's Pitching, timely hitting takes team sees speed in Hickman Mills

Continued from B1

pretty conducive to running the football," Holt said. "They have great team speed and just try to keep everything in front of them."

The size difference between the schools may create the difference late in a close game Friday night. Hickman Mills used the two-platoon system last year, something Maryville doesn't have the luxury of implementing.

By using the two-platoon system, to play." the Cougar players receive more opportunities to get off the field, catch

their wind and get coached up. "We're just going to have to play physical and to the best of our abilities," senior Zack Sherry said.

Hickman Mills ended their 2007 season 7-4, including a 48-24 first round loss at Kearny in the class four "They're a lot bigger school than

us, and we figure they have a lot of speed." Holt said. "We'll have our hands full. We just have to come ready

The game kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday

team to two wins in a row

Dominant pitching kicked off the season for the Spoofhounds giving up only three softball.

Tuesday night, the even smiled once or twice on

The 'Hounds defeated she was never uptight." Savannah 9-2. The 'Hounds gave up two runs in the bot- did well Tuesday afternoon, one walk, a fielders' choice offense, going 2-4. and past ball. Wilmarth was

Conn said there were a Maryville takes the field only charged with one earned lot of walks and errors when at 5 tonight in Falls City.

and five walks during her it translated into a lot of base

one-hitter. This was Wilmarth's first "Everyone contributed with hits here and there, and experience pitching in varsity everyone did a good job bun-"She was very calm and ting." Conn said.

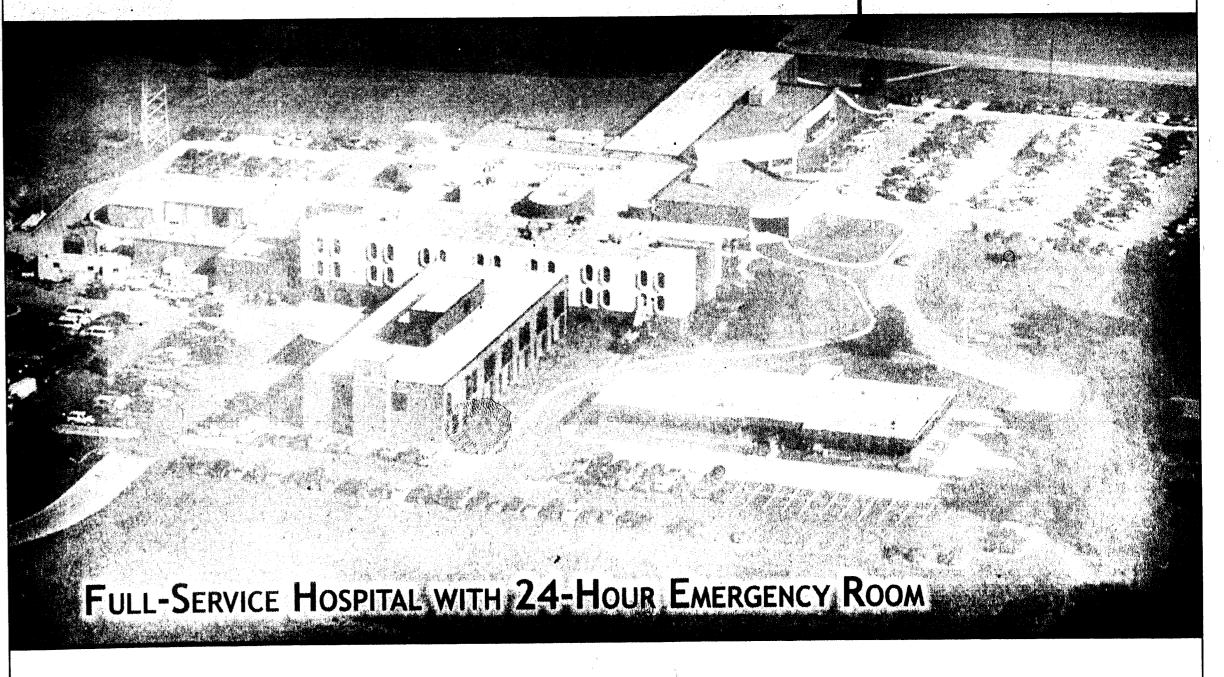
Before Wilmarth shut-Hounds freshman pitcher the mound," Coach Jacqui down the Savages, senior Holly Wilmarth threw a one- Conn said "She had a few pitcher Megan Walker had her own gem against South more walks than normal but During one point of the Maryville's offense also

game, Walker retired 14 tom of the sixth inning. The scoring nine runs. Sophomore straight batters. Monday, the Savages scored with one hit, Molly Stiens led the team in 'Hounds beat South Harrison

SENIOR PITCHER Megan Walker threw seven innings of two-hit softball to help the Spoofhounds grab a win Monday.

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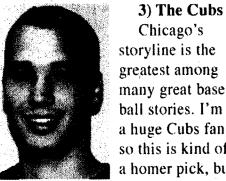
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Fall into a season of sports

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Fall is the season of sports, and with that in mind I offer you three reasons to watch sports this fall ... in descending order because it's more dramatic that way.



football

NCAA Lock

NCAA Upset

Marcus Meade

the thought of ending 99 years of failure makes me feel funny, like when I first saw the magazines under my brother's bed.

many great baseball stories. I'm a huge Cubs fan, so this is kind of a homer pick, but

2) Missouri /Kansas

Va. Tech at E. Carolina — Va. Tech

I know a lot of the experts are pick-

ing East Carolina to upset Virginia

Tech in the season opener, but Tech

has a lot of young top recruits who

Vandy at Miami (OH) - Vandy

teams is one team has a good

are ready for the spot light.

This may seem like a homerpick, but I don't like either of these teams. The interesting thing is that expectations for these teams are so different. The Tigers have sky-high expectations. Kansas has toilet low expectations. Missouri has a cake schedule, but Kansas has a coach that eats a lot of cake. It's really a toss-up to see which team meets

expectations.

Woody's picks

NCAA Lock

through Utah.

NCAA Upset

1) Northwest athletics They're right in your back yard, and nothing

Utah at Michigan — Michigan

home openers to inferior teams.

With their new spread running

Fresno St. at Rutgers — Fresno

attack the Wolverines should run

Michigan will not lose two straight

beats watching sports live. I'm not just talking about football, which will again provide generous amounts of entertainment this year, but volleyball, soccer and all the Northwest sports. Regardless of what you think about each sport, I challenge anyone to go to a Northwest sporting event and not get swept up in the action.

Well, there they are. Now go out there, sit on your butts, and watch some sports this fall.

Illinois at Missouri — Missouri

efficient offense, it will take an

All-American defense to keep the

game close, which Illinois doesn't

doesn't help Illinois either.

have. Losing Rashard Mendenhall

. Alabama at Clemson — Alabama

Alabama plays in the fastest con-

ference in the nation. I think the

lower ranked team comes out with

a higher level of play in this game.

receiver are five touchdowns away

touchdown tandem in NCAA his-

tory. How could they lose with that

from being the most successful

With Missouri's high powered and

Dustin's picks

NCAA Lock

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NCAA Lock

Rice at SMU — Rice

kind of motivation?

Rice's quarterback and wide

WHAT TO WATCH

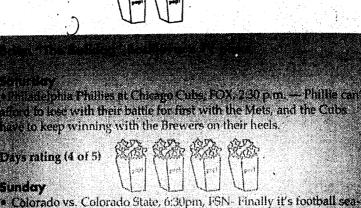
Marc's TV picks

THE EXTRA POINT

• Virginia Tech at East Carolina, ESPN, 11 a.m. — I love Hokie football. In a weird twist of fate, I picked them to lose this game. This should be a game of tough defense and sweet special teams.



• Transformers, HBO, 3 p.m. — Come 3 p.m. Sunday, I'm reliving a piece of my youth through a modern day action thriller.



Woody's TV picks

on. Time for rivalry games.

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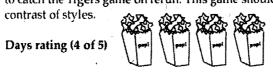
Saturday

• Alabama at Clemson, ABC, 7 p.m. — A great game to start the sea-

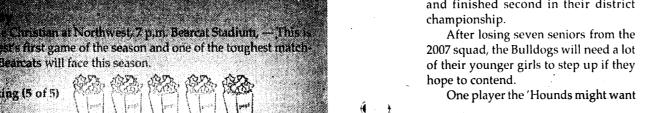
Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday • Illinois at Missouri, ESPN, 2 a.m. — After celebrating all night I'll try to catch the Tigers game on rerun. This game should be an interesting

rst vs. Blue Springs South, 11 a.m., ESPN - Two of the best







Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Marc's picks NCAA Lock

Tenn. at UCLA — Tenn. If Ben Olson wasn't hurt, I might take UCLA in an upset. But Olson is hurt, and despite the fact that Phil Fulmer lets me down more than Memphis basketball, I'm going with the Vols.

NCAA Upset Trov at Middle Tenn. St. — MTS I can't believe Troy's favored.

ference for a while, but they're on the road with a new quarterback. NCAA Lock N. Illinois at Minnesota — Minn. Adam Weber is a budding star

They've been the class of this con-

be stopped.

Va. Tech at E. Carolina — ECU the best upset possibility left. East and quarterback play for Virginia

Tech was inconsistent last season.

Heartland

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at quarterback for Minnesota. At home with their amazing ground

attack, the Golden Gophers won't NCAA Upset **NCAA** Upset I hate doing this because I actually think the Hokies will win. But it's

NCAA Lock

the SEC

Boston College at Kent St. — B.C. I count on Boston College's highly touted defense to lock this game up. This defense was second in the nation in rush defense last year.

Illinois at Missouri — Illinois Don't anyone get me wrong, I know Missouri is a great team, but this season and last season is now ing to be gunning for them.

Ray Rice is gone, and Scarlet The difference between these two Knights quarterback Mike Teel is average at best. I think Rutgers

defense in the MAC conference while the other has good defense in time in the Cinderella spotlight is **NCAA Lock** Alabama at Clemson — Clemson Nick Saban said he wanted to

Against a team like Clemson, 10 freshman won't get it done.

NCAA Upset Michigan St. at Cal. - Mich. St. Last year's starting quarterback Nate Longshore lost his starting job I believe the big difference between to a sophomore ... not the sign of a Both teams lost great quarterbacks stable program. The Golden Bears and there's no reason why they

play 10 true freshmen this week

NCAA Upset

Kentucky at Louisville — Kent. and were great teams last season. tough for inexperienced quarterback Hunter Cantwell.



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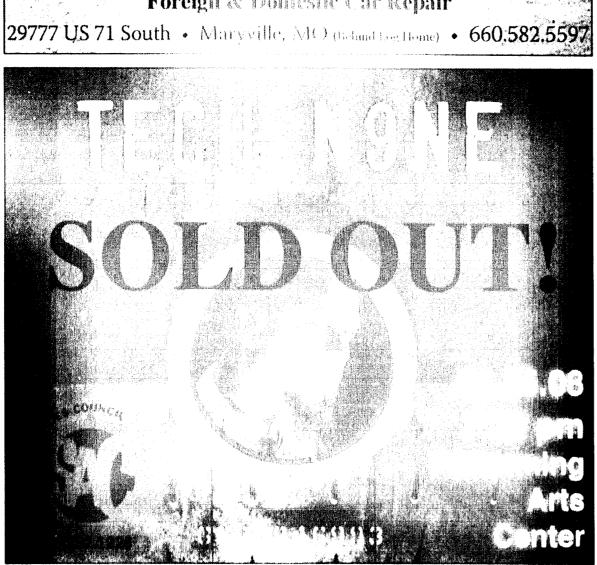
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way out of a bunker on the second hole Tuesday. defeated Smithville's team of only four golfers.

Golf girls fight nerves and course

Assistant Sports Editor

Maryville girls' golf overcame the season opener jitters to earn a team victory Tuesday after-

Coach Brenda Ricks knew the girls were nervous before the match even started. "I have never seen them this nervous before a match," Ricks said. "I don't know what the deal was with the

exception of our freshmen. Freshman Brooke Byland was notably one of the most

nervous on the course "I was nervous, but it all turned out good, after the looks on their faces. first hole was over, I was Ok." Byland said.

ended up the second lowest scorer for the 'Hounds and riors. the third lowest overall.

"Brooke has never played in a match or competi-

competitions for a long time," Ricks said.

Ricks shouted out words of encouragement to all her girls between holes, in an attempt to calm them down. Now coaches are allowed to talk to players from when they leave the green of a hole until they reach the

tee box of the next. Ricks took advantage of this new rule and spoke words of encouragement to each of her golfers as they walked to the next hole.

Her cool down methods worked for the 'Hounds. "Just have fun with it," Ricks said to nearly all of

After a few holes, everyone calmed down, and the on to the next hole." Byland did not let her nerves hinder her game; she team cruised to a victory against the Smithville War-

> The Warriors brought only four golfers to Maryville for the match. Typically, in high school golf matches each

tion before and a lot of these girls have been playing in team is allowed to use five golfers. In this match only four scores were tallied instead of five.

> Kim Hanna was the low scorer for the 'Hounds with a 49 on nine holes. Hanna is expected to lead the 'Hounds after the departure of senior Kalin Miles, the team's leading scorer

> from last season. The 'Hounds did win as a team, but the medalist of

the match was Emily Perdue of Smithville. "We need to practice on our personal needs and

everyone will get better." senior Kim Hanna said. "We work on a lot of chipping and putting," Ricks her golfers as they walked between holes with nervous said "... and it is paying off; they looked very confident. We need to be able to change our attitude and just move

> Ricks thinks all of her golfers will do nothing but lower scores as the season continues.

The Hounds' square off against Northeast Nodaway

and Tarkio on Tuesday at Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

MHS VOLLEYBALL

Klaus' girls eye Bulldogs

University Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds volleyball team freshmen. didn't get a chance to see the East Buchanan Bulldogs last season, but

the first step toward a district title. "We really don't know a whole lot about East Buchanan," Spoofhound coach Lori Klaus said. "We plan to go they lacked last season. out there and play the best we can play, like we would any other game."

Last year, the Bulldogs went 11-12-2 and finished second in their district After losing seven seniors from the which is going to lead to more kills. 2007 squad, the Bulldogs will need a lot That (kills) is something we were very

was named second team all-conference, along with first team all-district, as a

A newcomer the 'Hounds think may be an answer for the Bulldog's Cantrell they won't let that affect the outcome of is Leah Bostwick, the 'Hound's libero. the game. The 'Hounds see the match as Klaus expects Bostwick to excel in the

The 'Hounds count on a solid core of returners to provide the consistency

They are also looking for new girls to step up play key roles this season. "We really have been working hard," junior Sam McGinness said. "Our quick hits have really improved from last year,

inconsistent with last season."

Another area the 'Hounds are focused on improving is their ability to

become more vocal on the court. "I think our biggest weakness is that we don't talk as much as we should when we are on the court," McGinness said. "If we plan on winning, that is something we have to do. It is still early

the season continues." Maryville hopes all of their preseason work will pay off as their season

gets underway. The 'Hounds don't have to wait much longer. They take the court against East Buchanan at 5 p.m., Tues. Sept. 2,

"We have been working hard all summer, and we are just excited to get Quick hits may allow the 'Hounds out there and play," McGinness said. One player the 'Hounds might want to keep teams off balance and unable to "We are going to win that game."



LEAH WILMES was an important part of the Spoofhounds volleyball team last year. Now, the 'Hounds will have to work to fill her shoes and her leader-



No matter what they are called; scooters, mini-bikes, pocket rockets or motorized bicycles, the laws regarding these vehicles can be confusing. The Missouri Safety Center and the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program would like to help clear up the confusion over the legal use of "scooters," an activity that has increased in popularity in recent months, due in large part to increased fuel costs.

Scooter 101

By Missouri Revised Statute (RSMo), these "scooters" fall into one of two categories: motorcycles or motorized bicycles. RSMo 307.180.2 defines a "motorized bicycle" as any two- or three-wheeled device having an automatic transmission and a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than fifty cubic centimeters (50 cc's), which produces less than three gross brake horsepower, and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of no more than thirty miles per hour on level ground. If the "scooter" exceeds any or all of these criteria it is then defined as a motorcycle.

What if it "IS" a scooter, what is required?

If the vehicle meets "all" of the criteria for a "scooter" as defined in RSMo 307.180.2 then the operator is not required to wear a motorcycle helmet or maintain a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license. However, the "scooter" is still considered a motor vehicle and RSMo 302.020.1 states that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle upon any highway in this state unless the person has a valid license. RSMo 302.010.6 defines a "Highway" as any public thoroughfare for vehicles, including state roads, county roads and public streets, avenues, boulevards, parkways, or alleys in any municipality. So, you may not be required to have a motorcycle endorsement or wear a motorcycle helmet BUT anyone who operates the "scooter" on any roadway MUST possess a valid driver's license. All Scooters MUST purchase a Northwest motorcycle parking permit and park in the yellow zones. Scooters are not allowed to be operated or parked on sidewalks or bicycle racks. Failure to adhere to the above may result in your scooter being towed.

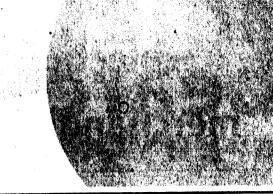
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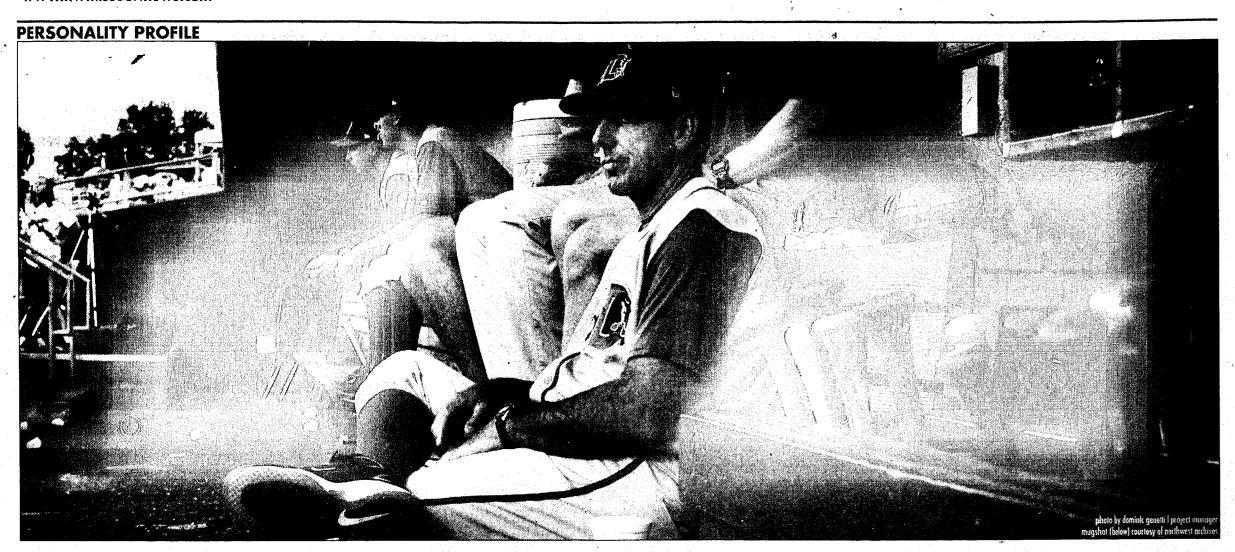
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Major League Bearcat

Former Northwest baseball player Gary Gaetti reflects on college, championships and professional playing career

Dominic Genetti Project Manager

Twenty big league seasons. A four-time gold glove winner. A World Series champion.

He is one accomplished ballplayer, but before he made it to the majors, Gary Gaetti was hitting home runs and grabbing ground balls in Maryville. Gaetti was a Northwest Bearcat.

"It was really the only college that recruited me for baseball, Illinois State asked me about football,"

Today, he is the hitting coach for North Carolina's Durham Bulls, Triple-A affiliate of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays, but during his playing career, the tall and stocky Gaetti was an all-star third baseman and heavy hitter with a mullet-style haircut.

Raised in Centralia, Ill., about an hour from St. Louis, Gaetti played his freshman year at Northwest his way to the majors through the Twins farm system, before returning to Illinois to attended Lake Land Junior College. He returned to Northwest his junior

"I guess it was normal college life," he said. "We went to plenty of fraternity parties, that was kind of the thing to do. On Sundays, you had to go to (Clarinda, Iowa) if you wanted a 'cold one."

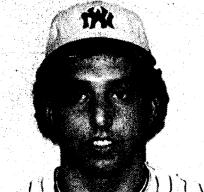
Other hangouts included Pagliai's Pizza and a restaurant called The Hitching Post, but most important was life on the diamond.

He hit the longest home run in Northwest his-

It was a towering blast measuring 505 feet, but Gaetti never knew he did it until Northwest Athletic Direct Bob Boerigter mentioned the milestone at his induction to the "M Club," Northwest's athletic hall of fame, in 2003.

"I guess it's a good story, I don't really remember" grew up watching--the St. Louis Cardinals. that," Gaetti said with a big grin. "We had the kind of team where if you didn't run hard wherever you went, you were going to sit down on the bench."

After his junior year, Gaetti was going to stay in Maryville. He had a job lined up, planned to take summer courses and was going to play baseball for a summer league team, but his plans and life changed with one phone call.



running pretty good."

back in Busch Stadium."

tured the championship in front of their home crowd working one excitedly waiving his arms. "After the play was made, night and she it was just pandemonium on the field. drafted by training and how hard it was all season to go, 'We did ing a smile. "I from behind wins."

Making Gaetti finally made it to the big leagues and debuted

two home runs and five runs scored in 20 at-bats.

The Twins went on to win the 1987 World Series.

For the first time in his pro career he was playing

"It was great, it was really special," Gaetti said.

The series lasted seven games and the Twins cap-firsts," he chuckled.

in front of his hometown crowd under the arches of

Making it to the major leagues was one thing for setting." the longhaired 23-year-old mustached infielder, but when he stepped up to the plate, Gaetti became the Gaetti to see former teammates and teachers from they knew we had them." 47th player in baseball history to hit a home run in his Northwest days.

He also found himself in another race to the post-"I was just trying to concentrate on playing ball," season in 1994 he said. "It was kind of a low line drive ... I knew I

Gaetti played in Minnesota until 1990.

The Royals were in a chase for the AL Wild Card, but the season ended pre-maturely due to a players hit it good, so I knew it was going to be a hit so I was

"Right before the last out of the World Series I felt

"You start thinking about all this stuff in spring

Following two and a half "off-seasons" with the

like it was so loud in there ... it was really just sur-

Six years later, Gaetti helped lead the Twins the "The year of the strike we were right there, we American League Pennant and was named MVP of the won 14 in a row," he said. AL Championship Series. He batted .300 with six hits, The Royals finished second in the AL Central Divi-

sion in 1995 and Gaetti was a free agent. The next uniform he put on was one he dreamed Ironically enough, they had to beat the team Gaetti of as a boy.

> He leans back in his chair and crosses his arms. "Tony LaRussa called me and asked me if I wanted to be a member of the St. Louis Cardinals,"

He went home and in his first at-bat as a Cardinal "The competition was intense, that was more prevain Busch Stadium, Gaetti homered leading St. Louis

lent to me than the warm fuzzy moments about being to an opening day victory. "It was just part of it, I guess I have a way with

first time since 1987 and Bulls catcher Mike DiFeliece

was right there playing with Gaetti as a rookie. "He's really the epitome of what a baseball player when I was real with the noise and anticipation," Gaetti explains really is suppose to be," DiFeliece said. "This guy knows the game of baseball. He knows what it's like to be a professional."

In the National League Championship Series, the Cardinals faced the Atlanta Braves. Thanks to Gaetti's it man, we did it'," he said. "We were pretty unbeatbat, St. Louis got the win in game two when he hit a he said boast- able at home that year, we had some spectacular come grand slam at Fulton County Stadium.

"At the time it was just part of the game," Gaetti said. "It's one of my more memorable moments." The Braves beat the Cardinals in seven games

California Angels, Gaetti was traded to the Kansas advancing to the World Series to play the Yankees, was going to City Royals during the '93 season, a move that allowed but Gaetti knew the Cardinals could've won. "We were sick of the tomahawk chop, they tried

"It was like getting a new start in my career, there to play 'New York, New York' on the last game, and wasn't a whole lot of expectations, I just had a job to that was a little over the top," he said while resting his do, and it suited me really well," he said, "Probably hand atop his blue and orange Bulls cap, "They like my favorite place to play. I loved it, it's a beautiful to rub it in your face in Atlanta because they were so good for all those years, and we really wanted to be While in Kansas City, it wasn't uncommon for the ones that knocked them off their high horse and

St. Louis traded Gaetti to the Chicago Cubs in 1998 where he played a season and a half, he played five games for the Boston Red Sox in 2000 before announcing his retirement.

"I had my knee operated on for the second time. I go to spring training with the Sox, had a good spring and towards the end of spring training I feel it coming on," he said. "My knee started bothering me again, my elbow was bothering me and I had no idea what that was all about."

He finished with a .255 batting average with 360 home runs and 2,280 hits.

Gaetti stayed true to Northwest throughout his playing career. Underneath his jersey, he always wore a Northwest T-shirt.

That same shirt is still worn today, by his son, Joe, who is playing in the Twins' farm system. Just like his dad, irony lingers in his career his-

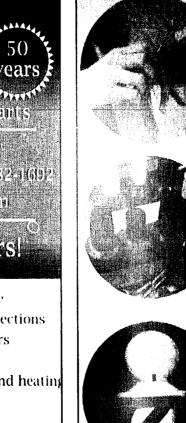
> In his first at-bat with the Twins franchise, Joe Gaetti hit a home run.

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Top 4 picks of

By Brian Johnson Entertainment Reporter

New on DVD - "The Nightmare Before Christmas" Special Edition DVD was released Tuesday. The cult-favorite by director Tim Burton spawned many imitators, and is still a favorite among teenagers and

As part of the Special Edition, a digital copy of the movie is included | a list of the things I did that day. along with many special features including new commentary from Burton, a behind-the-scenes feature and a new short film from Burton.

New movie in theaters - "Babylon A.D.," starring Vin Diesel ("Chronicles of Riddick") hits theaters tomorrow. The film follows an assassin, played by Diesel, who has to escort a woman played by Michelle Yeoh ("Memoirs of a Gei sha"), across the world.

However, this ordinary mission is drastically changed when he finds out she is carrying an organism that has the potential to be the new Messiah and everyone is after her for it. This film should provide the great action and intensity Diesel is

Album worth checking out Disturbed's "Indestructible," th band's fourth album, provides gritty vocals and deepened lyrics along with awe-inspiring guitar riffs and solos. The heavy metal band has been receiving praise from fans and critics alike all summer and definitely will give any rock fan that adrenalinefilled rush they look for, especially in songs such as "Haunted" and the dark "Inside the Fire" about lead

singer Derek Draiman's girlfriend

who committed suicide.

TV show worth checking out starring comedian Lewis Black pro vides for innovative comedy from Black and other comedians such as Andrew Daly and Patton Oswalt. This fresh show is set in a mock | movie ever made, and Heath courtroom with Black presiding over two additional comedians as they each take an issue, (Myspace, Oprah steroids) and they present their case on why they think their issue is the "root of all evil."

This show is a great way for Black's angry comedic material as well as other comedians' material to reach a wider audience, and the concept is unbelievably different than anything else on television.

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The other day, I found out I don't do anything. And I was

I sat on the edge of my girlfriend's bed while she, her roommate and I had a conversation.

"I'm going to stay up really late tonight," I said. "Why? Did you sleep a lot

today?" my girlfriend asked. "No, I just want tomorrow to get here as soon as it can. I have a lot of stuff to do." "A lot of stuff to do? All you do

is sleep, play golf and sleep. What did you do today?" That's a good question. To prove to my girlfriend that I am a man of action, I set out to make

Here's what I came up with. Midnight-3 a.m.: Constructed my arteries clogging. The highlight a list with my brother of the players we want to take in our fantasy football league's fantasy draft. I put Tom Brady ahead of Peyton Manning, because his boyish good looks make him the ideal candi-

3 a.m.-11 a.m. (ish); Slept. I dreamt I was Frodo from "Lord of the Rings" while all my household appliances played the other characters. Gandolf was a toaster; the

date for me to live vicariously

dwarf was a saltshaker and so on. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Played golf. I lady. Blood, because I nicked my got to play for free. I had to do finger on the corner of the keysome things I'll never tell my board. Sweat, because I sweat grandkids about, but I hadn't paid for a round of golf all summer.

1 p.m.-5 p.m.: Watched the Olympics and ate. There's nothing like watching skinny people bike up a hill while listening to "Live Free or Die Hard." To toughen



of my day was watching the U.S. batch of completely shaved people silence the French's shaved fellows. I'm talking about swimming, not the misunderstood sport of competitive body shaving.

5 p.m.-9 p.m.: Napped. Watching the Olympics all day can wear someone out. Just watching Michael Phelps makes me sleepy. 9 p.m.-10 p.m.: Played a vicious

game of Warcraft III online. The blood, sweat and tears were flowing like water through a pregnant while sitting down. And tears, because my girlfriend was inexplicably crying while watching

10 p.m.-midnight: Watched

things up a little, I watched John McClain take down some terrorist scum. He may be 173 years old, but Bruce Willis still had the energy to jump on the back of a jet, kill a helicopter with a car and shoot himself in order to kill the bad guy. I wish I were John McClain.

That was it, the sum total of my day. I guess I could have added making the list, which would have then been the most productive thing I did that day.

> My girlfriend and her roommate were laughing like jackals while I wondered about my life. Then I began to think. Who needs to be productive? This isn't

I sat there staring at the list.

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Superhero, robot top staffer's list of summer movie favorites

Entertainment Reporter

1. "The Dark Knight"

No surprise here, this movie second highest-grossing movie of all time behind "Titanic." It is simply the greatest superhero Ledger gave us quite possibly the most disturbing, most profound and most strangely beautiful villain of all time in

Director Christopher Nolan and company have set a new standard for not only superhero it will most assuredly become a modern crime classic in the annals of film history.

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Who would've thought a story about a cute little robot who can't

summer extremely humorous comic movies, but for all movies, and and of the year provided a caution-book tale. In a summer filled with Lebowski." One of the most intel-

little doubt they are the kings of Oowney Ir. and a superb script the animated film world with this from director Jon Favreu. fascinating tale.

3. "Iron Man" If there was any doubt

was back at the forefront p e o - of Hollywood, it has been completely erased with this action-filled addition to a superhero-filled summer. There has never been a more perfect casting than Downey Jr. as the suave cessful billionaire, Tony Stark, movies turned unlikely superhero of the in this purely fun as well as

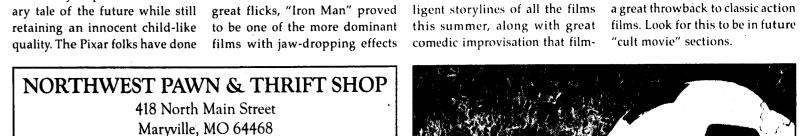
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made this film a must-see. The star here is James Franco who gives an amazing performance as "Pineapple a permanently stoned drug dealer which really shows his talent in this stellar film that would make only one of Cheech and Chong proud. 5. "Wanted"

There is nothing but fun in this movie. With an air of "Fight Club" mer, but also and "A Clockwork Orange," this one of the psychedelic blood-fest coupled with plenty of sexuality provided This stoner by Angelina Jolie, made this one of

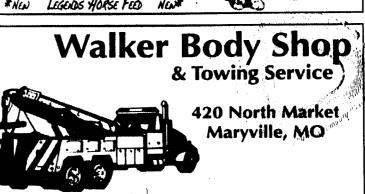
the most fun films of the summer. A social commentary of sorts about ings of being the dullness of everyday life mixed the next "Big with bullets, assassinations and a dash of fxc special effects made for



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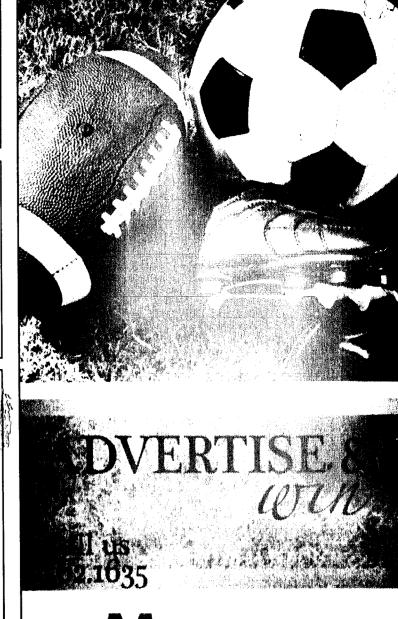






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I now pronounce you man and wife NOW GET TO CLASS

By Sydney Moore Features Editor

A beautiful diamond ring now fills an empty space on Kara Bergsten's

And instead of living with three of her closest friends, she now only has one roommate - her husband Jason.

College students around the world feel the weight of homework and test scores. However, for couples like Jason and Kara, a few additional

challenges are thrown in the mix on top of the typical college tasks. Jason, 24, and Kara, 20, have been married since Dec. 29, 2007. Like most newlywed couples, they enjoy spending their evenings with one another after a busy day, but instead of holding two full-time jobs like

most married couples, Kara spends her time away from her husband in For a lot of students Kara's age, the idea of getting married while they are still in school doesn't even cross their minds, because of the stress of homework, tests and finances that college puts on young couples. For the Bergstens, however, getting married at a young age made perfect

sense since Jason has already finished his two years at electrical school in Kansas. He now works full-time to support his new wife. Financial stability was one main factor that assured the couple were ready to begin "Since Jason was already finished with school it was affordable," Kara

said. "If we were both in college I don't know if we could do it." Kara, a vocal music education major, still has four's emesters left before she gets her degree. The two very different worlds of college and the full-

time work force come together when the Bergstens are at home. "I try to get my homework done before Jason gets home from work so I can spend the entire evening with him," Kara said.

For this newlywed couple, the hardest part of being married in college is the balance between the two very different lifestyles as a spouse

. "The most difficult thing is trying to balance school and spending time with my husband," Kara said. "He understands that I need to study, but it can be difficult because I have to explain how some things work, because daughter."

he didn't go here and doesn't always understand our schedules." Luckily, the couple didn't have to add much stress of planning a along the way. wedding during the semester.

the time classes started," Kara said.

Sacrifices are another thing that a married couple has to make in order to make a relationship work.

Although the newlyweds are currently happy in Maryville, they haven't always had the luxury of living in close proximity. With their hometown of Clay Center, Kan. three hours away, the couple had to

experience the pain of a long-distance engagement as Jason continued to work at home while Kara worked toward her degree. She said the distance between the two was one of the only stresses of planning a wedding and

another reason for their short six-month engagement. After getting married, however, Jason decided to make the move to Maryville to be with his new bride

"He had to pick up his whole life and move here so I could finish school with my professors and friends," Kara said. "I'm really grateful for that because he could have just made me switch."

Jason's move from their hometown was only one sacrifice the couple made in order to ensure a happy life together. After being involved in fully, Kara's close friends were by her side from day one. various activities, Kara had to make the decision to quit a few in order to spend more time with her husband.

"There are a lot of activities that I could be involved in, but choose the same time." not to so I can spend time with him," she said. Gaining the support of their friends and families can be the most dif-

ficult part of getting married in college. Luckily for the Bergstens, they any young married couple. However, Kara is confident that getting marhave received a lot of support from everyone around them. "Our families have always been close," Kara said. "Our brothers were

Coming from a small farm town in Kansas, Jason also had one foot in the door with Kara's parents.

"He farmed for my dad for seven years, so the two of them got really close," she said, smiling. "He pretty much married the boss' wait?"

Family ties have helped gain the support of the couple's parents

"Jason's mom also babysat me when I was in kindergarten, and she "We got engaged in July, so I had most of my big planning done by loves me," Kara said, laughing. "Our parents were very excited from the beginning, and I know they miss us, but they love when we come

Having a good relationship with his in-laws also helped Jason when it came to surprising Kara with the proposal.

"We had gone to the county fair back home and then went back to my parents house to watch a movie," she said. "I was trying to put the movie in and Jason kept telling me that he had something to say, but he wouldn't say it.

"To be completely honest, I was actually getting kind of annoyed so I turned around for him to tell me and he was on one knee with the

Kara's parents both knew about the engagement prior to that night, and her father even let Jason off work early to pick up the ring.

"We had kind of talked about marriage, but it was still a huge surprise," she said. Along with family support, friends are equally as important. Thank-

"I called my closest friends the night we got engaged," she said. "They were all screaming with excitement and so happy for us, but shocked at

friends, there are sure to be a few bumps in the road along the way with

Although the Bergstens have the support from their families and

ried young is the right path for her and her husband. "It's exactly what I expected when I found out I was getting engaged,"

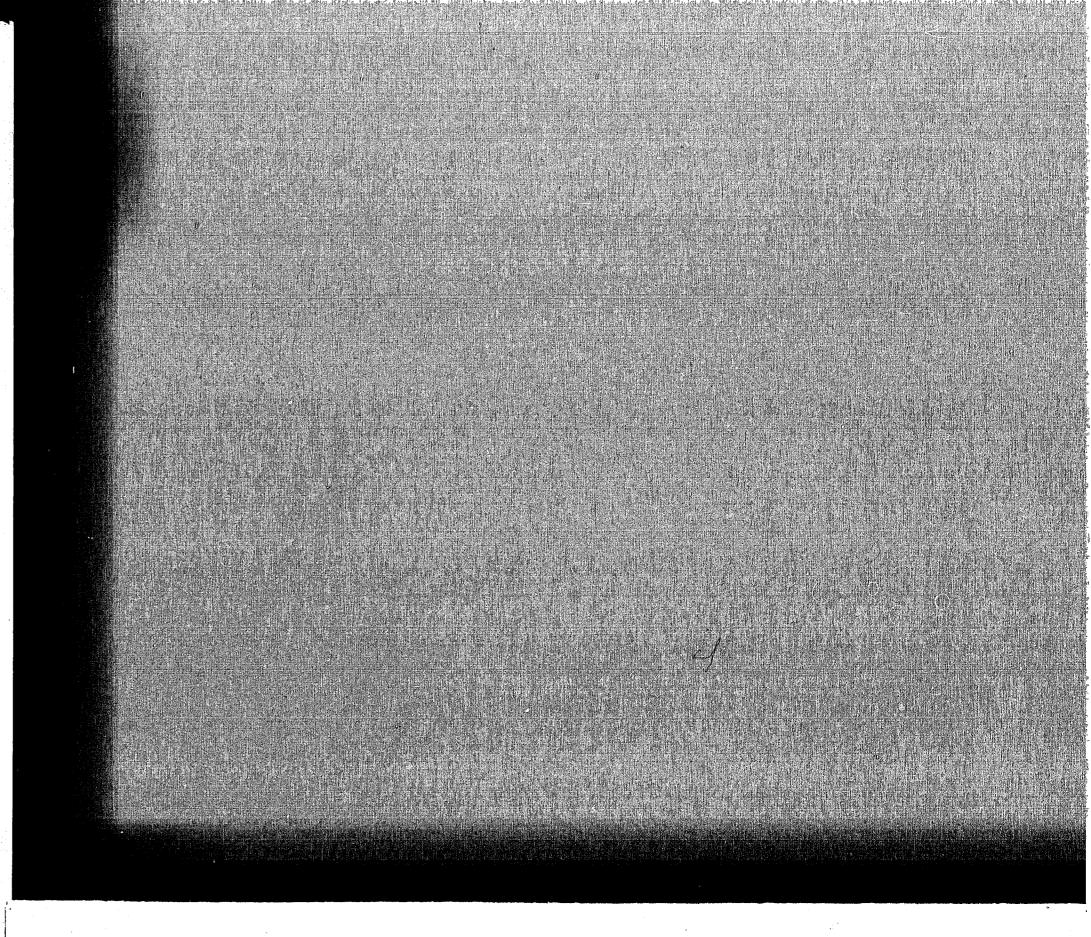
friends, and his sister was my sister's best friend. We've just always been she said. "Although I was a little worried at first, it's no harder than I expected it be." As she twists the ring on her left finger, a smile spreads across the

young wife's face. "I just think, when you find the love of your life, it's like why













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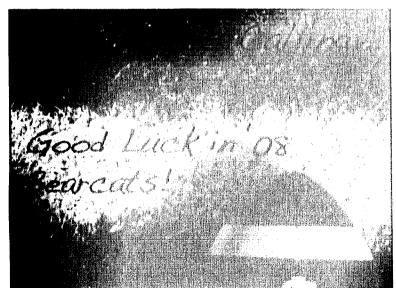
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A mix of old and new



CAPTAILS RACHEL NIST hopes to spend her time celebrating Bearcat wins this season. The 'Cats finished 17-17 in the talent-filled MIAA last season.

Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Even though a key member of the 2007 squad departed from the Bearcats during the off-season, head volleyball coach Anna Tool recruited the components she thinks will lead to a successful 2008 season.

The 'Cats finished their 2007 campaign with a 17-17 record and a sixth place finish in the MIAA conference. Tool, in her third year, thinks the experience the 'Cats had last season will only add to the potential of good showing this year.

One definite change from last season is the size of the 'Cats roster. Eight players joined the team along with seven returners from last year's team.

"The lack of depth last season made making adjustments hard, but it also gave us valuable experience because girls were forced to work through their mistakes," Tool said. "Due to lack of depth, we couldn't always make substitutions."

Alicia Johnson, the 'Cats most dominant outside hitter last season will not rejoin the team this year. Johnson transferred to Southern Illinois during the off-season. Johnson started every match for the 'Cats' last season and was named to the second team All-MIAA team.

"All it really did was open the door for other girls," Tool said. "We have a few guls pushing for the spot and offensively the girls up for the position are just as strong, if not stronger. On the detensive side, the girls competing for the position actually put up a bigger block than Alicia did."

As for the newcomers, Tool expects jumor college transfer Sage Diessner and feeshmen Alex Hanna to make an early impact.

The team's experience level could be then biggest weakness, Tool said. However, she also expects their youth to play into their tayor.

"The young girls are going to push everyone else," Tool said. "They will just go out and flat out play to earn court

"Teally, we (newcomers) just have to not play timid," Hanna said.
"Whether we're new or old we're all here for the same reason."

The Catchope to use good ball control, scrappy defense and a quick tempo offense to lead them to a solid season.

"Our main goal is to finish in the lop to in conference," co-captain Paige Spangenberg and "We feel, if we can finish high in our conference, we have a good shot at getting to the national tournament."

The team starts off its season Aug. 29 and 30 in Omaha, Neb. for the Comfort Inn & Suites and Firewater Grille Tournament.

Hoza hopes for historic season



file photo

COACH TRACY HOZA hopes her squad can bounce back from a disappointing 2007 season.

Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Marching into the program's ninth season, the Bearcat soccer team hopes its late season success last year carries over to a successful 2008 season.

"Our expectations are to be the best soccer team that Northwest has had," coach Tracy Hoza said.
The Bearcats finished 2007

6-11-1 but won four of their last six games including three shutouts. Forward Amanda Deml led the offense with five goals and earned All-MIAA honors. She also earned recognition on ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District Women's Soccer Third Team with a 3.82 GPA.

The 'Cats return two additional all-conference players from last year's team. Defender Amanda Olah and midfielder Andrea Freeman joined Deml on the all-conference team as freshmen.

"They are three great consistent players," Hoza said. "It's good to have Amanda (Deml) as a senior and a great leader, and then, Amanda Olah and Andrea are both sophomores, and we're looking for them to have years like they had last year."

Jessica Braun (second team All-MIAA as freshman) returns from injury and Heidi Sobota becomes eligible for her first season as a Bearcat.

The 'Cats lost three defenders off a squad that set a school record by holding opponents to 171 shots including one All-MIAA player in Brittany Cash. Northwest also held opponents to 1.47 goals per game, second best in program history.

To fill the void, Braun, a junior

defender and co-captain returns after sitting out most of last year with back problems and receiving a medical redshirt.

"Our defending has changed since Jessica has come on board," Hoza said. "She is a ball winner and definitely our lifeline. She would be there at that last kick to get it in, and we're looking for her to lead the defense."

Midfielder and co-captain Sobota figures to step up as a playmaker on offense after NCAA rules regarding transfers sidelined her last season. She transferred from Briar University in Sioux City, Iowa, where she earned the Great Plains Athletic Conference freshman of the year award.

"She's a very strong and physical player," Hoza said. "With the MIAA being a very physical league, she's going to add that and help us match and outmatch some of the MIAA teams."

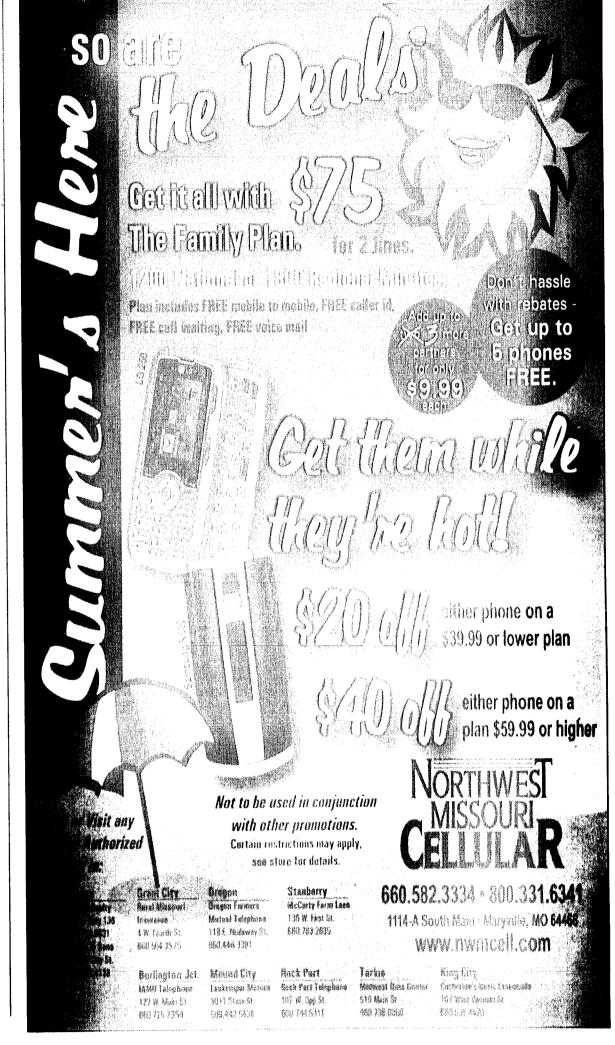
The 'Cats inked four freshmen in the off-season to contribute this fall. One of the them, Jacque Dedovesh of Lee's Summit, may contribute early after performing exceptionally well in preseason practices, Hoza said.

This year's recruiting class also includes a Maryville High School graduate in midfielder Ashley Blanchard.

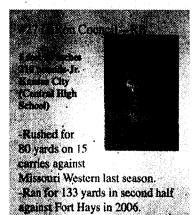
"We're still building our program, and as the years go by, we're getting better," Deml said. "So, we're on our way."

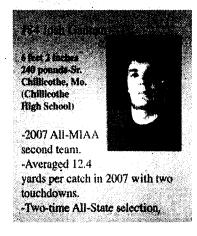
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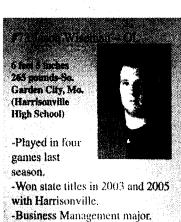


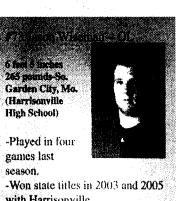


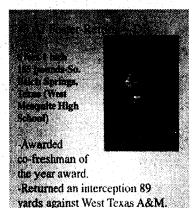
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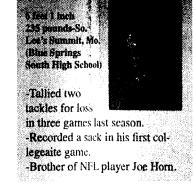


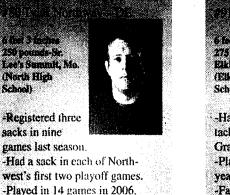




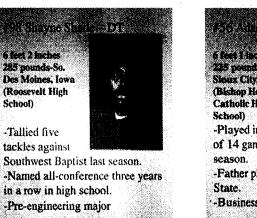


NEW STARTERS: DEFENSE











NW SPORTS CAPSULES



Maggie McManigal

NW Cross Country Seniors: Men 1; Women 2 Key loss: Kara Spader Players to watch: Ben Chappell, Maggie McManigal Coach Scott Lorek: "I think both teams are in the position where we just want to develop and improve. I think on the women's side it will be good because we need someone to step up."



Jessica Feuerbach sophomore

NW Golf Seniors: none Players to watch: Jessica Feuerback, Sarah Hayes Coach Pat McLaughlin: "There was really a learning curve to find out what it takes to play at the collegiate level."

After

By Marcus Meade Sports Editor

It may seem strange for some to Lstare into the Bearcat backfield and not see No. 2 standing back there waiting for the football.

For four years Xavier Omon carried the rushing load for Northwest. He accounted for more than 40 percent of the team's total points and yardage. Now, an offense returning eight starters keeps getting the same question: How do you replace Xavier Omon?

"I think we're going to be good running the football," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Now, LaRon Council's the guy. He's a junior this year. He's had a couple injuries. He's had a great spring and a great offseason, a great summer. So, we're looking forward to having him ready to go."

Council saw playing time in each of his last two seasons, but had both seasons shortened by injury. When healthy, Council has the same combination of speed and power that made Omon successful, said Reid Kirby. senior offensive lineman and team captain.

Tunior Sheldon Cook will assist Council in filling Omon's large shoes. Cook stole the spotlight during the 2006 Fall Classic at Arrowhead when he rushed for 172 yards on 13 carries with two touchdowns.

"LeRon is just a freak in the weight room," Kirby said. "He squats and hang cleans some unbelievable weight, but we've got a couple of guys who can be the lightning to his thunder.

Though Omon moved on, the offensive line that opened holes for him remains mostly in tact. Seniors Kirby, Tom Pestock, Matt Nelson and Jeremy Davis return. Davis and Kirby were both All-Americans last season.

Davis, Nelson and Kirby also earned captain's for 1,982 yards with 11 touchdowns and 11

Osborn and defensive backs Brandon Clayton and Myles Burnsides complete the captains list.

"I think our offensive line is going to step up," Tjeerdsma said. "They played extremely well last year, and I'm really excited about having those guys back. We've got four of the five starters back and a great tight end coming back as well."

At tight end, Northwest could see a seamless transition from first team All-MIAA selection Mike Peterson to second team All-MIAA selection Josh Gannan. Gannan received the honor despite playing in a back up role.

Throwing to Gannan once again falls into the hands of senior captain Joel Osborn. He started the last seven games last year and saw significant time in all 14, throwing

interceptions.

NORTHWEST CENTER MALL Nelson captains the Bearcats this season along with fellow offensive linemen Jeremy Davis and Reid Kirby. Quarterback Joel

One upside for Osborn is the stable of experienced receivers returning to aid the aerial attack. Senior Kendall Wright led the team in receiving last year with 784 yards and six touchdowns. Accompanying him are juniors Raphael Robinson and Abe Oaoud.

"We're going to throw the ball more this year," Tjeerdsma said. "I think our receiving corp is really upgraded. We'll have Raphael Robinson back, hopefully. He's coming off an injury. That really was a tough blow to us last year to lose him in the first ball game of the

Northwest begins the post-Omon era at 6 p.m. Saturday, at Bearcat Stadium against Abilene Christian.

Catch The 'Cats Aug. 30 - Abilene Christian, 6 p.m. Sept. 6—Southwest Baptist, 6 p.m. Sept. 13-Missouri Western, 1 p.m., Family Weekend Sept. 20 - Truman, 7 p.m., Sept. 27 - UNO, 6 p.m. Oct. 4-Pitt. State, 5 p.m., Fall Classic at Arrowhead Stadium Oct. 11 - CMU, 1:30 p.m. Oct. 18-Fort Hays State, 1:30 p.m.,

> Homecoming Oct. 25 - Washburn, 1 p.m. Nov. 1 - Emporia State, Senior Day, 1 p.m. Nov. 8-Missouri Southern, 2 p.m.

The front seven's two returning starters, junior linebacker Evan Wilmes and junior defensive end Sean Paddock saw success last season. Wilmes recorded 45 tackles, six for loss. Paddock racked

Reloaded defense faces tough test early

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By Marcus Meade **Sports Editor**

Before the start of the 2007 football season, the Bearcat coaching staff had the task of rebuilding a defense gutted by graduation.

This year's looking like déjà vu.

"There's a big concern there," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Our front seven is going to be pretty new. We're very athletic, especially our linebackers. We've got some really outstanding athletes, but they haven't played much in the

The 'Cats, ranked third in the nation by the American Football Coaches Association, lost five of their starting defensive linemen and

Junior Tyler Roach and Sophomore Shayne Shade fill the enormous hole left by Terry Bilbro and T.I. Kaatman. Neither Roach, 6 feet 3 inches, 275 pounds, nor Shade, 6 feet 2 inches, 285 pounds, can match Bilbro and Kaatman in size, but coach Mel Tjeerdsma hopes Shade and Roach can use technique and speed to plug gaps and push the pocket.

Bulk on the interior defensive line may eventually come in the form of transfer Moe Dampeer. Generously listed at 6 feet 4 inches, 375 pounds, Dampeer saw time as a redshirt freshman at Oklahoma including playing time in the 2004 FedEx Orange Bowl.

"Well, he hasn't played football in a while," Tieerdsma said. "Right now, he needs to lose a little weight and get into shape a little bit."

At linebacker, sophomores Adam Vondrak and Willie Horn take the place of leading tacklers Jared Erspamer and Matt Robertson. Bad luck already struck the 'Cats with the loss of Troy Matthews who was battling for playing time at linebacker. Matthews tore his Achilles tendon and will miss the entire season.

enough for second on the team. "I have confidence in them that they can

up 53 tackles, 10 for loss and six sacks, good

play," senior defensive back Brandon Clayton said. "People just haven't seen them play yet. I think they'll be ready. They just have to prove themselves."

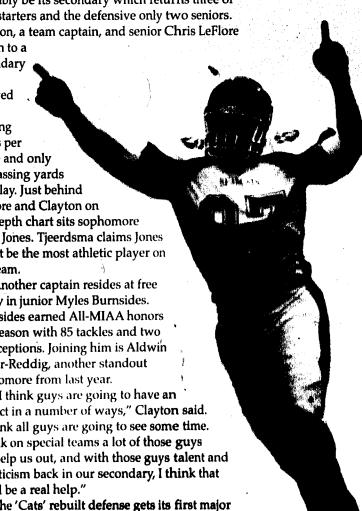
The strength of the Northwest defense will probably be its secondary which returns three of four starters and the defensive only two seniors. Clayton, a team captain, and senior Chris LeFlore return to a secondary

passing yards per game and only 5.7 passing yards per play. Just behind LeFlore and Clayton on the depth chart sits sophomore Ryan Jones. Tjeerdsma claims Jones might be the most athletic player on the team. Another captain resides at free

safety in junior Myles Burnsides. Burnsides earned All-MIAA honors last season with 85 tackles and two interceptions. Joining him is Aldwin Foster-Reddig, another standout sophomore from last year.

"I think guys are going to have an impact in a number of ways," Clayton said. "I think all guys are going to see some time. I think on special teams a lot of those guys can help us out, and with those guys talent and athleticism back in our secondary, I think that could be a real help."

The 'Cats' rebuilt defense gets its first major test from running back Bernard Scott, a Harlon Hill finalist, and Abilene Christian. Northwest's first game begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat



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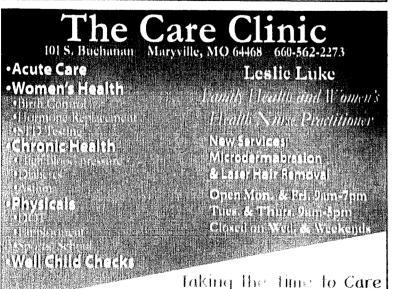


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Christopher Woodland **Community Sports Editor**

The Maryville Spoofhounds I focus their sights on the playoffs and are ready to pull the trigger after an eight-point loss placed a black mark on a potential Cinderella 2007 season.

The 'Hounds enter this year following a season where a 9-1 record had them handing in their equipment while other teams practiced for a shot at the title.

The lone loss came in a 28-20 defeat in districts to eventual state champion Lawson. No team came within 22 points of defeating Lawson once they entered the playoffs.

"We have real high expectations this year," head coach Chris Holt said. "We went 9-1 last year, and we want to improve."

Among the departed seniors are All-State offensive lineman Dillon Owens and quarterback Andy Walter. They also lost a couple key playmakers from their linebacking corp with Cory Cronk and Tyler Oglesby now suiting up for the Bearcats.

Holt plans to make returning All-State running back Adam Mattson (1,241 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2007) the focal point of a run-oriented offensive attack that also returns three starters on the offensive line.

"We're going to be physical, and we're going to run the football," Holt said. "There's no doubt about that."

Senior John Farmer should also get significant playing time in the backfield with Joe



THE SPOOFHOUNDS FELL eight points short of a playoff birth last year. but they hope a few changes are enough to make the next step.

Jasinski taking over the vacated quarterback spot, Holt said.

If Mattson and the offense fail to produce early on, the 'Hounds could see a few more tallies in the loss column than expected.

"If anything, we're a little younger on the defensive side, but hopefully our offense can score enough to overcome any problems there," Holt said.

Senior Zack Sherry returns as a playmaker on defense where he earned All-State honors as a lineman in 2007. His role in the defense will change this year. though, with the loss of Cronk and Oglesby and the 'Hounds' new 3-3 stack defense.

The 'Hounds switched to the 3-3 stack because of troubles finding enough people to fill the

defensive line positions, Holt said. "We've got a couple kids that played backup rolls last year that'll step in," Holt said. "Spencer Twaddle will get some time there (linebacker), and Zack Sherry will move from d-line to linebacker."

The 'Hounds also plan to utilize the overall strength and speed of their defense to confuse offenses and make life miserable for opposing quarterbacks. The change also encourages more aggressive play from the linemen since there are more linebackers behind them. Holt said.

"Our defense has changed a lot," Mattson said. "We're going to be blitzing like crazy and putting a lot of pressure on the

The 'Hounds first game should test any weaknesses in the 'Hounds' young defense when they try to corral Hickman Mills' D-1 running back prospect Davine

The Hickman Mills game starts at 7 p.m. Friday in

MHS SPORTS CAPSULES



MHS Girls Golf Returning players: 4 Key loss: Kalin Player to watch: Kim Hanna Coach Brenda Ricks: "If we can't chip and putt we're not

going to win"



MHS Soccer 2007 record: 18-8 returning letter winners: 3 Key loss: Klay Talmadge Coach Stuart Collins: "We're young but we have a lot of talent ...we are expecting great things.'

University Sports Editor

oach Lori Klaus' Maryville High School volleyball team increased its confidence thanks to new arrivals on the varsity squad.

After being seeded second in the district tournament last year. the girls turn to their experience to lead them to an even more successful season this year.

"We have a solid group of returners who have a lot of experience," Klaus said. "Even our newcomers from IV probably could have been on varsity even

Klaus expects her returners to play a leadership role on this year's squad but is pleasantly surprised at the strength and attitude of the younger girls.

A few key newcomers include Libbey Howell on the outside and Tracy Jensen in the middle. Also the team depends on Leah Bostwick to anchor the defense at

Jensen turned into a big

Dustin Sander

Assistant Sports Editor

than planned. Now is their

Last season, the squad

entered districts as the No. 1

seed and lost in its first game

to end its 18-5 season abruptly.

The 'Hounds also came within

Nearly the exact same team

"If we do all the little things

Last season, many freshmen

Hounds, so the returning team

is still young. They are made up

This young team possesses

almost entirely of sophomores

and freshmen with only four

upperclassmen.

will receive another chance this

and use all our weapons, we

can win a lot of games," coach

Jacqui Conn said. "We have

to stay hungry and not be

saw playing time for the

one game of winning their

conference.

satisfied."

chance for redemption.

Spoofhound softball ended last season much earlier

surprise for the Spoofhounds. Klaus is impressed by the turn around Jensen made. The coaches saw her go from a girl who possibly might not make the varsity team this summer to a definite leader for the entire team

"She (Jensen) has just mped out there to be a leader for the whole team. She is very vocal out on the court and more importantly she leads by example," Klaus said.

In a junior varsity game last year, Jensen recorded 20 blocks, and the 'Hounds are expecting to see similar numbers from Jens this year on varsity. Klaus thinks the confidence

that both coaches and players share will help lead them to a successful season.

"Our biggest strength is that we don't really have any weaknesses," Klaus said. "There are no weak spots out on the court, every girl plays their position well and they are all working hard to get even better."

The 'Hounds take the court for the first time at 5 p.m.

Team seeks redemption

after early playoff exit

to steal bases every chance the

'Hounds get. Still, speed is not

the only weapon in this team's

She said the team is very

solid all around; the offense is

very balanced between their

"We have solid pitching and

defense ... and our catcher calls

Overall, Conn thinks her

Conn also hopes her seniors can step in and lead the young

team has the tools to improve

from last season and make it

further into the postseason.

team. Senior pitcher Megan

Walker will lead the 'Hounds

from the mound. Walker began

pitching for the 'Hounds only

view of the upcoming season

with so many returning girls.

than last year," Walker said. "I

hope we can go into the season

as good as last year."

to Maryville

last season when she transferred

Walker also has an optimistic

"We can learn and do better

a great game," Conn said.

arsenal, Conn said.

speed and power.



MHS ENDED LAST season early after a high seeding in districts. Tuesday, at home against East Buchanan.

"We are really good and we keep it very positive out on the court,' junior Sam McGinness said. "We're excited for the first game and we're going to win it. We are after the district championship."

THE SPOOFHOUNDS HAD a dis-

Maryville began its season

earlier this week with games on

Monday and Tuesday against

South Harrison and Savannah,

respectively. For more on the

out this week's Northwest

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results of those contests check

The 'Hounds continue their

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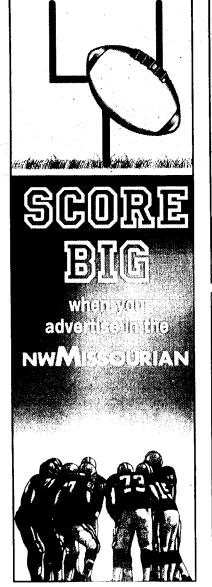
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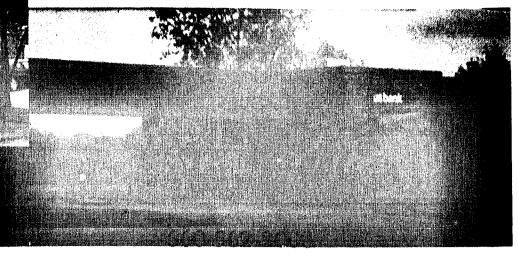
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